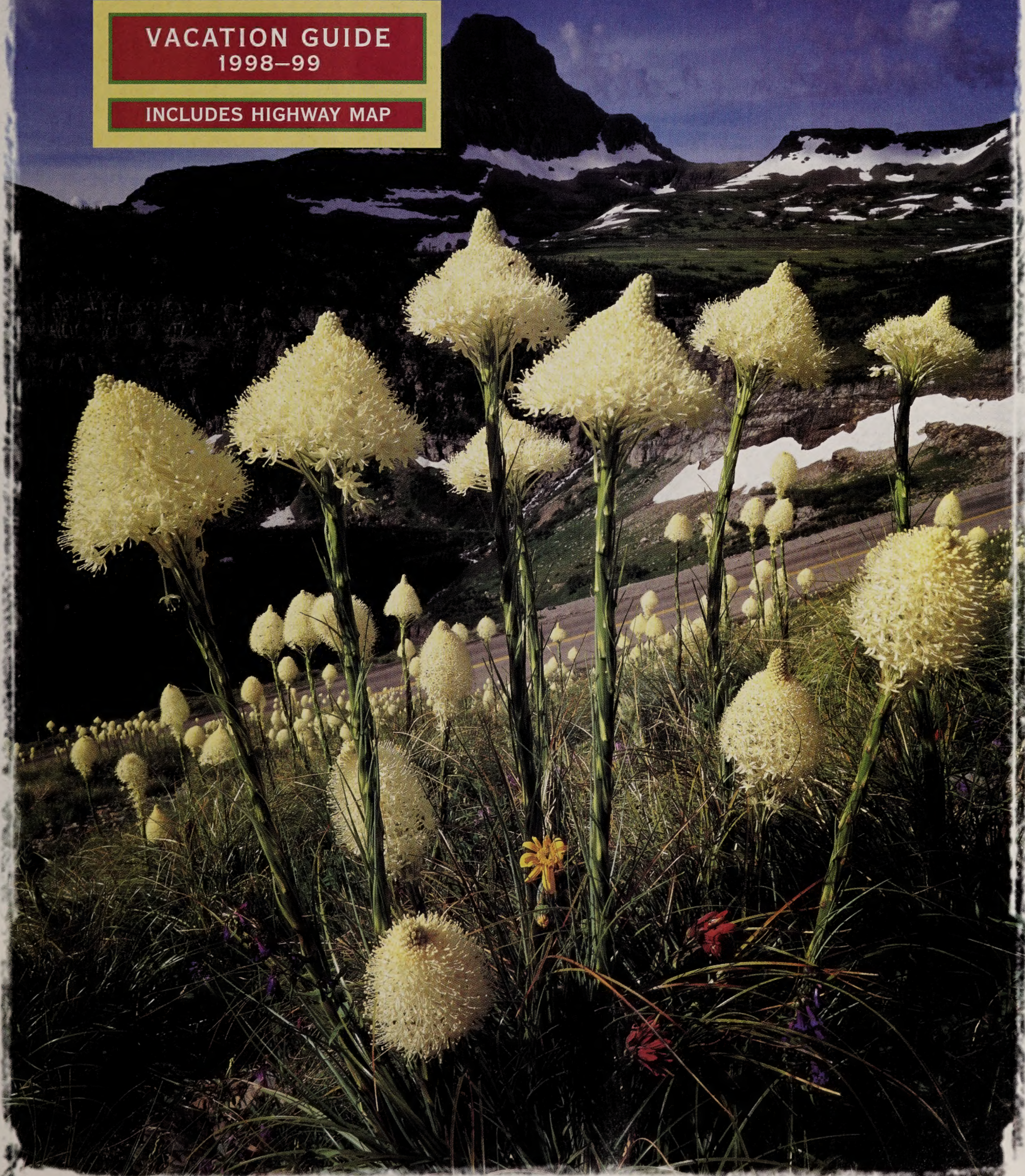
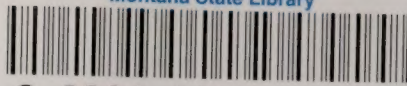


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Montana invites you TO TAKE THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME. RETRACE THE FOOTSTEPS OF PRESIDENT JEFFERSON'S FAMED LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. EXPLORE A LANDSCAPE THAT STILL SUPPORTS AMERICA'S WILDEST CREATURES. DISCOVER GLACIERS AND GEYSERS, WILDERNESS AND WILD RIVERS. ☹

MONTANA IS OUR NATION'S FOURTH-LARGEST STATE. YET, IN TERMS OF POPULATION, WE'RE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SMALL AMERICAN CITY—LESS THAN A MILLION. THAT LEAVES PLENTY OF ELBOW ROOM, SO *take your time in exploring* OUR MOUNTAINS AND PRAIRIES, OUR LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS, OUR FRIENDLY CITIES AND TOWNS, OUR PARKS, HISTORY AND CULTURE. MONTANA'S BELOVED COWBOY ARTIST, *Charlie Russell*, put it



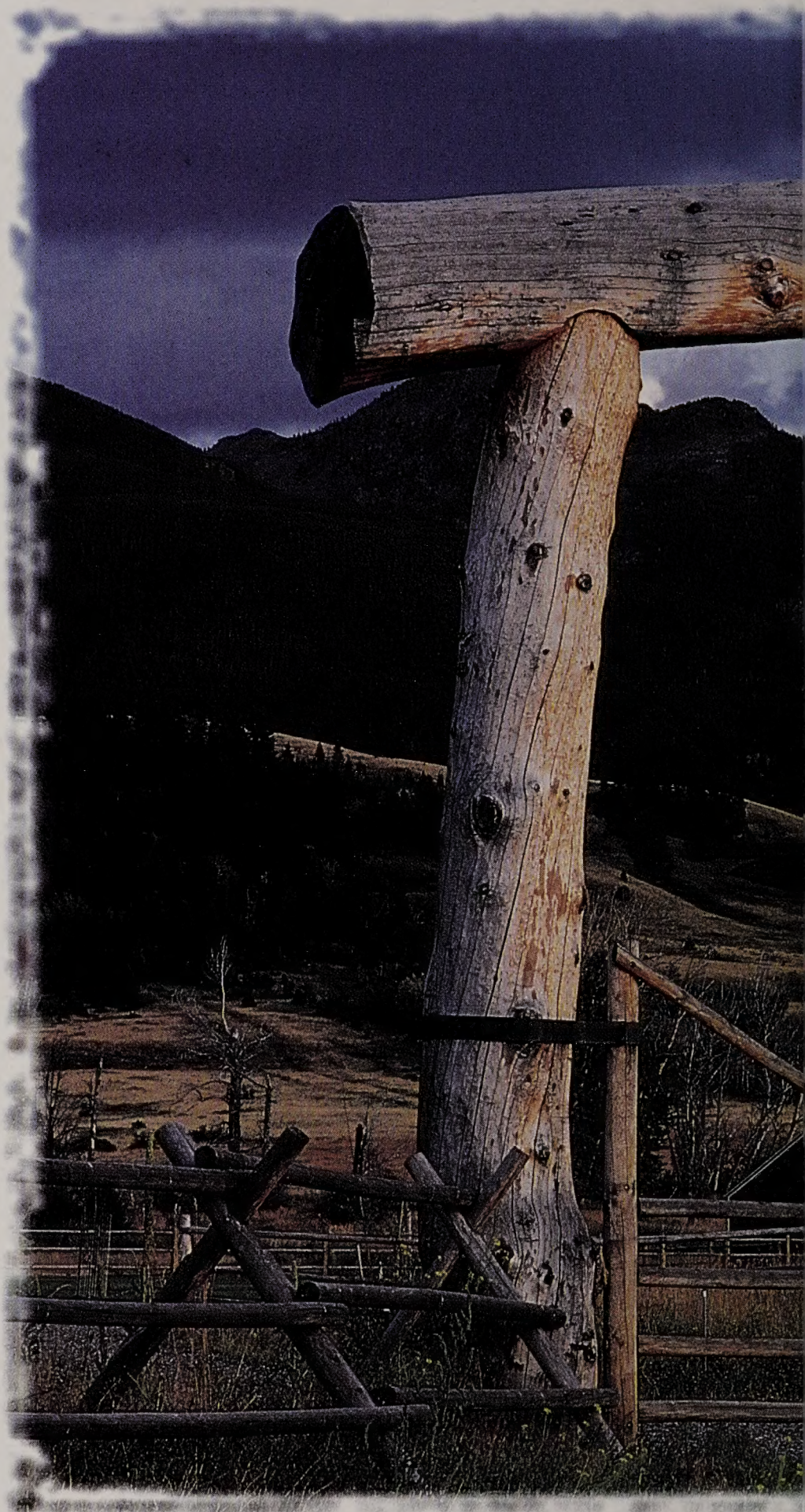
GOVERNOR MARC AND
THERESA RACICOT

best WHEN HE SAID,
“WHEN YOU COME TO
TOWN DON'T FORGET
OUR LATCHSTRING IS
ON THE OUTSIDE.”

Welcome.

Marc Racicot

GOVERNOR MARC
RACICOT



MONTANA



MONTANA'S
RURAL
LANDSCAPES,
LIKE THIS
ONE IN THE
PARADISE
VALLEY, ARE
A WELCOME
SIGHT TO
VISITORS.

R. VALENTINE ATKINSON



INDIAN POWWOW HEADDRESS. DOWNIE SEXTON



RAINBOW TROUT. R. VALENTINE ATKINSON

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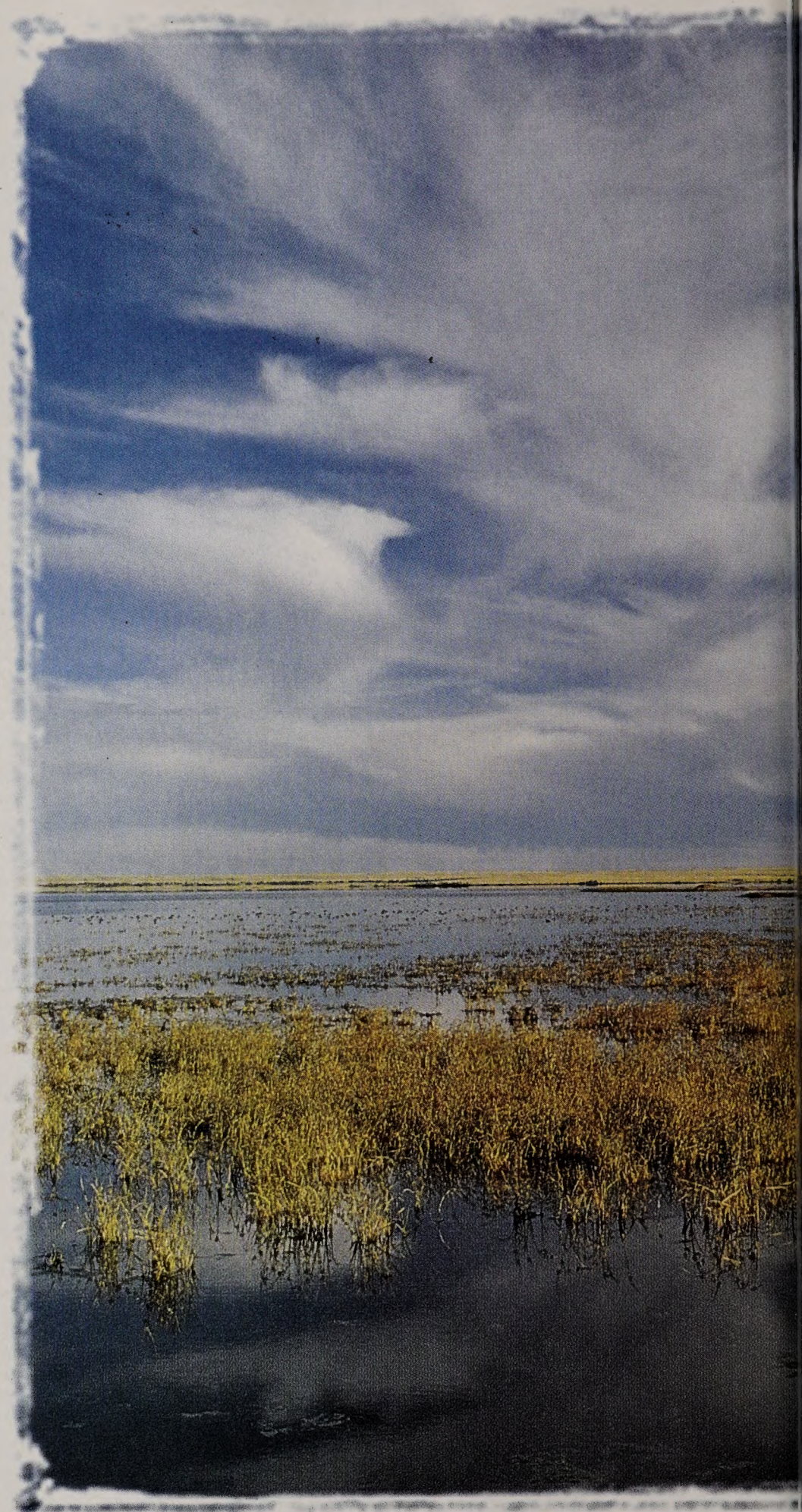
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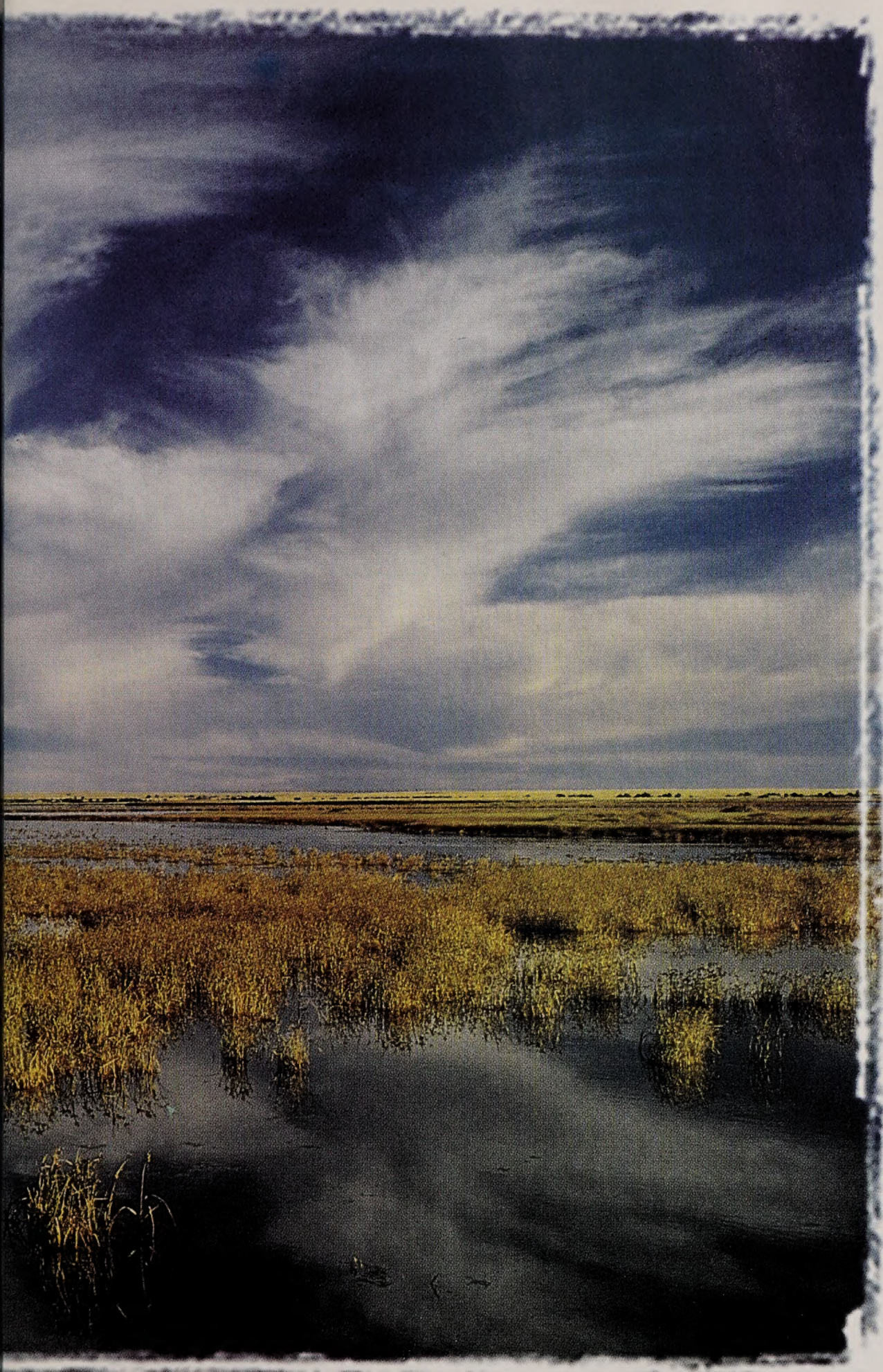
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BIKING BOB ALLEN



CHUCK HANEY



BISON DONALD M. JONES

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE MONTANA EXPERIENCE IS AS REWARDING AS EACH VISITOR MAKES IT. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE AND ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE VISITORS. 🌿 HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE BY LEAVING GHOST TOWNS, MINING CAMPS AND OTHER HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS INTACT. THE ONLY THINGS THAT



OBSERVING WILDFLOWERS R. VALENTINE ATKINSON

SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THESE SITES ARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS. 🌿 LEAVE MONTANA'S NATURAL FEATURES AS YOU FIND THEM. PLANTS AND FLOWERS ARE BEST ENJOYED IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. 🌿 RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. ALWAYS GET PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE LAND. 🌿 DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY. 🌿 FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THEIRS, ENJOY WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE. 🌿 WE'RE KNOWN FOR OUR FRIENDLINESS. RESPECT OUR TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES, AND WE'LL KEEP SMILING. 🌿 SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY; LOOK FOR THE MADE IN MONTANA LABEL WHEN YOU SHOP.

CENTER: BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IS ONE OF NORTHEASTERN MONTANA'S MANY BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES.

ONCE
INHABITED
BY DINOSAURS,
THE PLAINS OF
SOUTHEASTERN
MONTANA STILL
FEATURE ANCIENT
ROCK FORMA-
TIONS LIKE THE
CHALK BUTTES.



RICK AND SUSIE GRANTZ

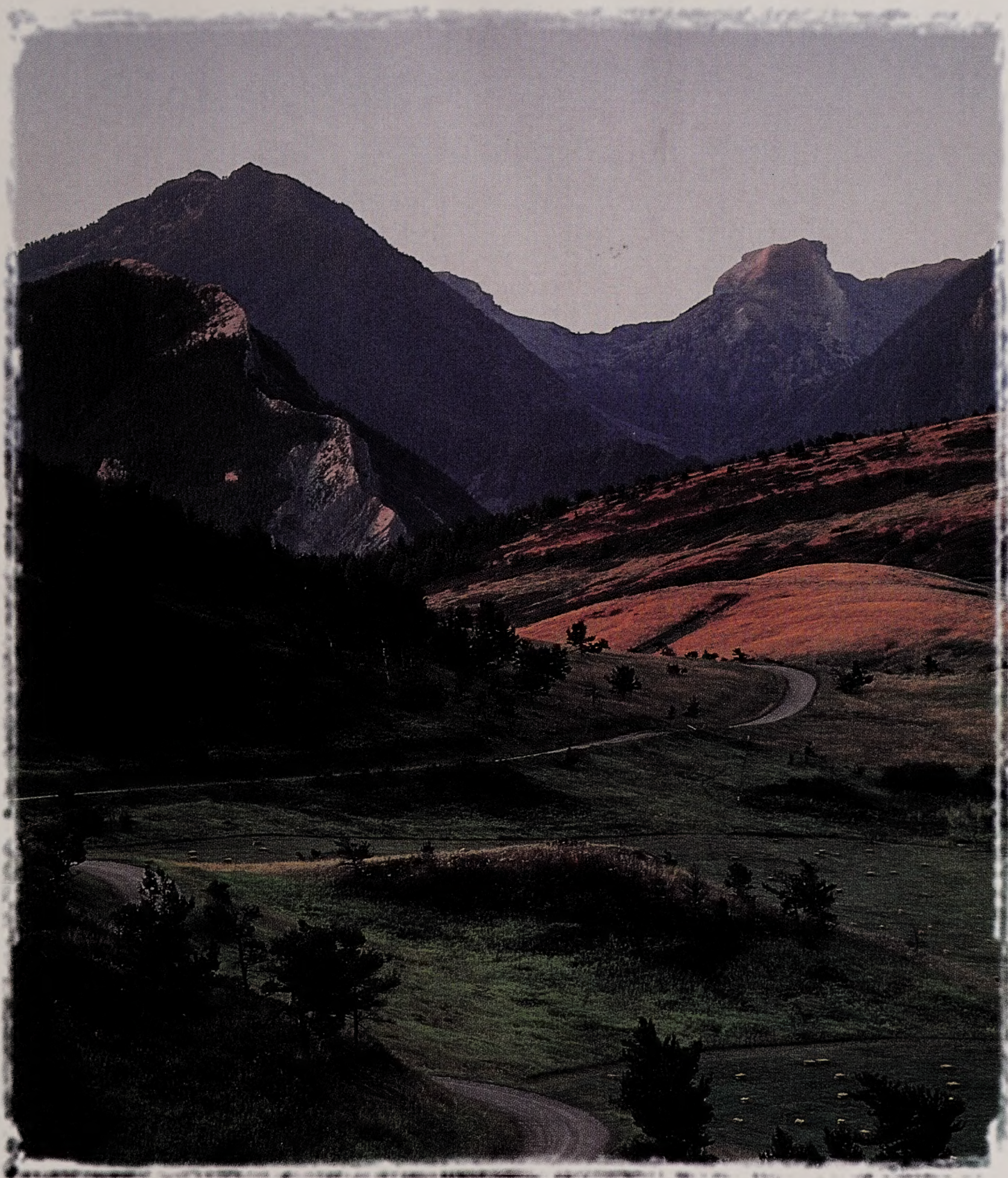
In Montana, travel is a journey OF TIME AND SPACE.

IT IS AN END IN ITSELF. IN THE CHISELED FACES OF ROCK WALLS, IT IS A GLIMPSE
OF ETERNITY. IN PRISTINE WATERS THAT REFLECT VAST, CLEAR SKIES, IT IS CAUSE
FOR HOPE. IN MILE-UPON-MILE OF NATURAL LANDSCAPES, IT IS TONIC FOR THE
WORLD-WEARY TRAVELER. MONTANA INVITES YOU TO LEAVE THAT WORLD BEHIND
AND REDISCOVER YOUR SOUL IN BIG SKY COUNTRY.

JOURNEY



BRIDGER MOUNTAIN RANGE JEFFREY DACHOWSKI



THE
ABSAROKA
MOUNTAINS
UNFOLD
SOUTH OF
LIVINGSTON
IN ONE OF
MONTANA'S
MOST
MEMORABLE
LANDSCAPES.

DONNIE SEXTON



BITTERROOT MOUNTAINS MARK LAGERSTROM

WINTER
COMES TO THE
FLATHEAD
VALLEY.
OPPOSITE:
ONE OF
MONTANA'S
MOST
DRAMATIC
LANDSCAPES
IS THE ROCKY
MOUNTAIN
FRONT,
WHERE THE
MOUNTAINS
MEET THE
PLAINS. NILAN
RESERVOIR,
WEST OF
AUGUSTA,
LIES AT THE
BASE OF THIS
MOUNTAIN
FRONT.



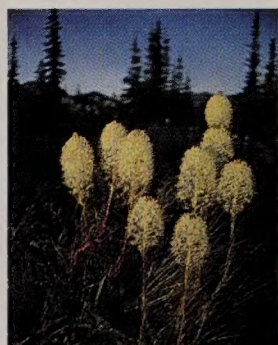
WAYNE MUMFORD

In a land shaped by space and sky, THE VIEWS ARE
FOREVER. UNCLUTTERED BY SOCIETY'S DIVERSIONS, MONTANA IS A PLACE TO
RECONNECT WITH THE EARTH AND ITS MANY GIFTS. FORESTS AND BADLANDS, RIVER
VALLEYS AND DESERTS, ALPINE MEADOWS AND GRASSY PRAIRIES ARE ALL PART OF
THE VIEW IN MONTANA. FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS TO THE SKYTOP PEAKS AND
MILE-HIGH VALLEYS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, MONTANA SETS A STAGE OF
SWEEPING PROPORTIONS.

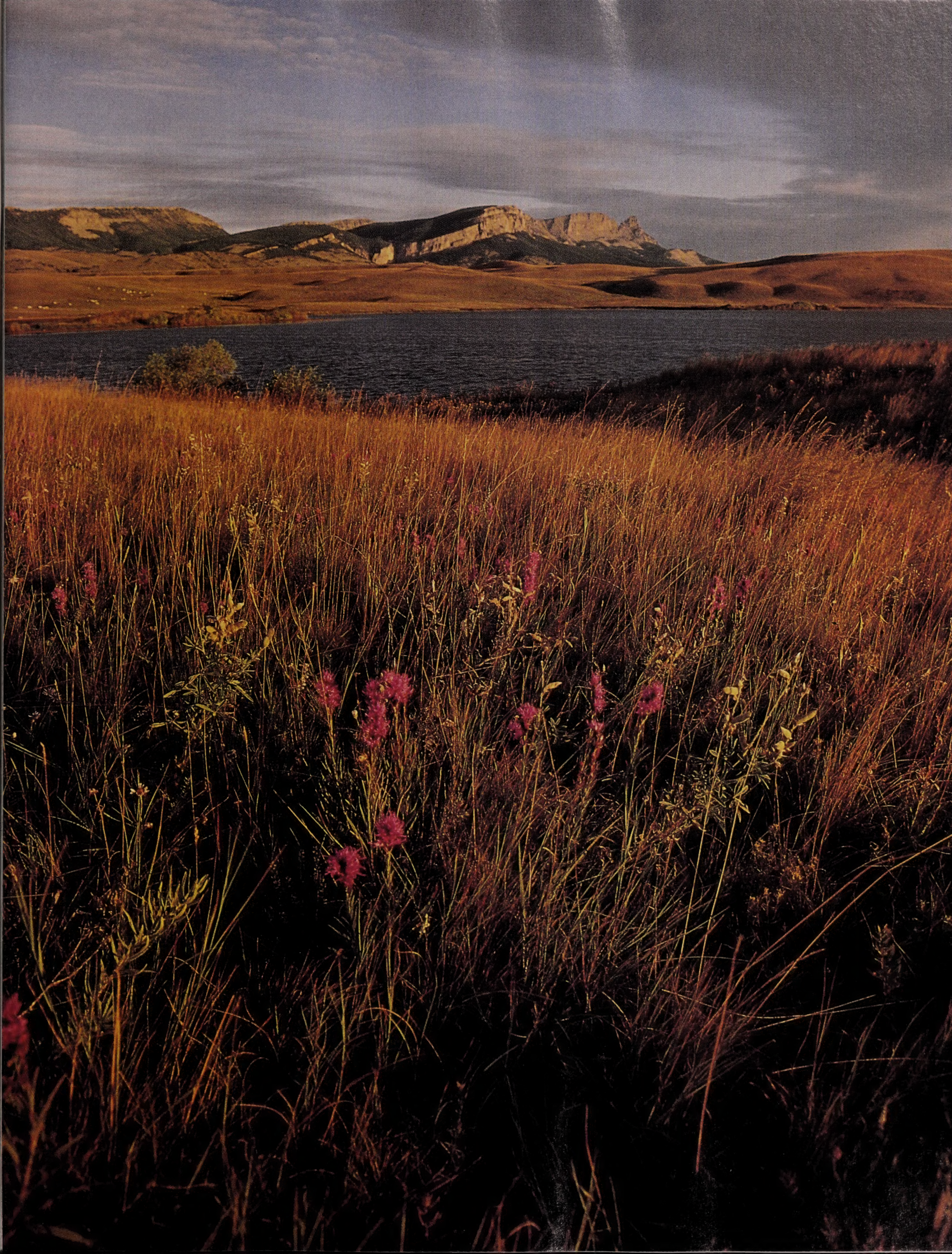
VIEWS



WHITETAIL BUCK NELSON KEMER



BEAR GRASS PHIL FARNES



TO THE SIOUX
INDIANS,
MAKOSHIKA
MEANT "BAD
EARTH."
MAKOSHIKA
STATE PARK
NEAR
GLEN DIVE, IS
ONE OF OVER
40 STATE
PARKS IN
MONTANA.



SALVATORE VASAPOLIT

Montana's parks and protected lands RANGE FROM

PARKS

THE HEAVENLY PEAKS OF GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TO THE FIERY CALDRONS OF
YELLOWSTONE. IN BETWEEN ARE NATIONAL FORESTS AND BATTLEFIELDS, HIS-
TORIC RANCHES, CANYONS, WILDLIFE PRESERVES AND A STATE PARK SYSTEM THAT



DANNAK DAVIS DONNIE SEXTON



FLATHEAD LAKE SCOTT SPYER



GLACIER
NATIONAL
PARK IS
REVERED AS
THE "CROWN
OF THE
CONTINENT."

DOUG DYE

PROTECTS THE BEST OF MONTANA: GHOST TOWNS, BADLANDS, BUFFALO JUMPS
AND A RANGE OF QUALITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MONTANA HAS BEEN
DESCRIBED AS ONE GIANT PARK. BUT IT'S NOT TRUE. MONTANA'S LANDSCAPE AND
HISTORY ARE TOO VARIED TO BE CONFINED TO JUST ONE!



BISON, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, CAROL POITCH

MOUNTAIN
GOATS ARE
ONE OF MANY
WILDLIFE
SPECIES THAT
THRIVE IN
MONTANA.



BARBARA THOMAS



BLD EAGLE DENVER BRN



WILDLIFE VIEWING IS ONE OF THE TOP ATTRACTIONS AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AND THROUGHOUT MONTANA.

JEFF & ALEXA HENRY

Montanans are in good company WITH THE WILDLIFE

THAT ACTUALLY OUTNUMBER THEM. MONTANA SUPPORTS THE LARGEST GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION SOUTH OF CANADA, THE LARGEST MIGRATORY ELK HERD IN THE NATION, THE LARGEST BREEDING POPULATION OF TRUMPETER SWANS IN THE LOWER 48 AND THE NATION'S LARGEST NATIVE HERD OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIG-HORN SHEEP—ALL IN ALL, A MAGNIFICENT ARRAY OF WILDLIFE WHOSE VERY SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON UNSPOILED HABITAT. WITH PATIENCE AND A PAIR OF BINOCULARS, PEOPLE CAN VIEW THESE AND MANY OTHER SPECIES IN THE WILD.



COW & CALF ELK SCOTT WHEELER



CINNAMON COLORED BLACK BEAR SCOTT WHEELER

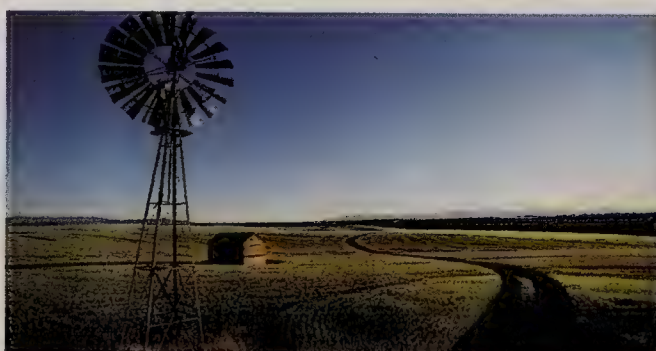
MONTANA'S
INDIAN TRIBES
CELEBRATE
THEIR CULTURE
AND HISTORY
AT ANNUAL
FESTIVALS
CALLED
POWWOWS.



DONNIE SEXTON

In Montana, the West is more than a label OR A

TREND. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE THAT IS ROOTED IN HISTORY AND HOPEFUL ABOUT THE
FUTURE. IT DEFINES MONTANA BOTH AS A PLACE AND AS A PEOPLE. THE WEST
DOESN'T PUT ON AIRS. ITS SIMPLE TRUTH APPEARS IN THE WEATHERED FACES OF



GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY WILL BREWSTER

MONTANA



THE MONTANA
LANDSCAPE IS
A CULTURAL
CELEBRATION
IN ITSELF.
VAST, OPEN
SPACES
INTERRUPTED
ONLY BY
MOUNTAIN
RANGES TYPIFY
THE WEST.

DUSAN SNETANA

PEOPLE WHO WORK THE LAND, THE ABANDONED HOMESTEADS OF EARLY DREAMERS,
THE NATIVE COSTUMES OF INDIAN DANCERS AND THE EASY SMILE OF MOST EVERY-
ONE YOU'LL MEET.



PHILLIPSBURG: DOWNIE SEXTON



RANCHER IN "OL' BLUE": DOWNIE SEXTON



FAMILY PORTRAIT: VICTOR BJORNBERG

THIS
ABANDONED
HOMESTEAD
ON THE C.M.
RUSSELL WILD-
LIFE REFUGE IS
ONE OF MANY
THAT DOT THE
PLAINS OF
MONTANA.



PHIL FARNES

Montana is a young state WHOSE HISTORY LIVES
QUIETLY AT BUFFALO JUMPS AND HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS, IN PICTOGRAPH CAVES,
WEATHERED GHOST TOWNS, HUMBLE MISSIONS AND MAGNIFICENT TURN-OF-THE-
CENTURY MANSIONS. IT SPRINGS TO LIFE AT SUMMER FESTIVALS LIKE THE
MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING AND CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACT-
MENT. IT GOES UNDERGROUND IN HAVRE, AND SURFACES IN BUTTE. IT FLOWS
THROUGH MONTANA ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER, ORIGINAL HIGHWAY OF THE WEST.



INDIAN PICTOGRAPH MIKE SAMPLE



MINING
FORTUNES
BUILT MANY
ELEGANT
HOMES
IN WESTERN
MONTANA,
INCLUDING
BUTTE'S
COPPER KING
MANSION.

JOHN REDDY



CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT ROBERT L. KELLIS



BANACK STATE PARK, DOWIE SEPTON



LEWIS & CLARK SCULPTURE, FORT BENTON
SALVATORE VASAPOLI

TROUT FISHING
DOESN'T GET
ANY BETTER
THAN THIS.



DENVER BRIAN



CAMPING DONNIE SEXTON



BIKING BOB ALLEN



SKIING LONNIE BALL



WHITEWATER
RAFTING IS ONE
OF MONTANA'S
FAVORITE
PASTIMES.

PAUL DIX

Adventure travel in Montana IS THE JOURNEY MADE
PERSONAL. SOMEHOW, IT IS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO SEE BIG SKY COUNTRY. THIS
LAND OF PEAKS AND CANYONS, WHITEWATER GORGES AND MEANDERING STREAMS,
POWDER SNOW AND SUNSHINE BEGS TO BE EXPERIENCED. MONTANA IS THE
PERFECT PLACE TO FULFILL YOUR PASSION. WHETHER IT IS FLOATING OR FLY
FISHING, BIKING, HIKING OR SKIING, IT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE IN MONTANA!

ADVENTURE



PACKING IN WILL BREWSTER



HIKING BOB ALLEN

RED LODGE
CELEBRATES
ITS ETHNIC
HERITAGE
EACH SUMMER
DURING THE
FESTIVAL OF
NATIONS.



M.D. COLEMAN

Montanans find common ground AT FESTIVALS THAT
CELEBRATE THEIR SHARED HISTORY AS WELL AS THEIR DIVERSITY. TAKE IN THE
MILES CITY BUCKING HORSE SALE, THE CROW FAIR POWWOW, THE FLATHEAD
BALLOON FESTIVAL OR SCOBIEY'S PIONEER DAYS, AND YOU, TOO, WILL CATCH THE
SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION. SUMMER IS HIGH SEASON FOR FAIRS AND RODEOS, INDIAN
POWWOWS, SPORTING EVENTS, MUSIC AND ETHNIC FESTIVALS, BUT THE FUN

SPRIT



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS DAN WISE



PIONEER DAYS, SCOBIEY VICTOR BJORNBERG



PREPARING FOR POWWOW DOWNIE SEXTON



YOU'LL FIND
RODEO ACTION
NEARLY EVERY
SUMMER
WEEKEND IN
MONTANA.

DONNIE SEXTON

DOESN'T END WHEN THE TEMPERATURE FALLS AND SCHOOL STARTS. CROWDS ARE DOWN AND THE WEATHER CAN BE SURPRISINGLY MILD IN THE OFF-SEASON. BOZEMAN'S WINTER FAIR, ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN BUTTE, THE C.M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION IN GREAT FALLS AND MISSOULA'S INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT CELEBRATIONS ARE NEVER OUT OF SEASON IN MONTANA!



BILLINGS SYMPHONY BILLINGS GAZETTE



FLATHEAD BALLOON FESTIVAL DONNIE SEXTON

THE TRAIL OF
THE GREAT
BEAR CUTS A
WIDE SWATH
THROUGH
WESTERN
MONTANA.
INCLUDING
THE SNOW-
CAPPED
BRIDGER
RANGE NEAR
BOZEMAN.



SALVATORE VASAPOLI

Montana invites exploration. FOR EVERY FEDERALLY DESIGNATED SCENIC BACKROAD AND BYWAY, THERE ARE COUNTLESS UNOFFICIAL ONES. MUCH OF THE NEWLY DEVELOPED "TRAIL OF THE GREAT BEAR" LIES IN MONTANA. AN INTERNATIONAL SCENIC CORRIDOR THAT LINKS YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK WITH CANADA'S BANFF NATIONAL PARK, THIS TRAIL CELEBRATES THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF SOME OF THE LAST WILD COUNTRY ON THE CONTINENT.

TRAILS



CRYSTAL PARK, WEST RIVER, POLARIS SCENIC BYWAY



GEORGETOWN LAKE, PINTLAR SCENIC ROUTE



BEARTOOTH SCENIC HIGHWAY, M.D. COLEMAN



LEWIS AND CLARK FOLLOWED THE MISSOURI RIVER FROM ST. LOUIS TO ITS HEADWATERS IN MONTANA DURING THEIR AMBITIOUS 1804-06 EXPLORATION OF THE FRONTIER WEST. THE RIVER FLOWS LAZILY ACROSS MUCH OF NORTHCENTRAL AND NORTHEASTERN MONTANA.

JOHN LAMMING

It has been nearly 200 years SINCE TWO OF AMERICA'S

MOST HERALDED FRONTIERSMEN TRAVELED MORE THAN 8,000 MILES ON WHAT IS NOW THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL TO UNLOCK THE WEST FOR AN AMBITIOUS, YOUNG NATION. WELL OVER A QUARTER OF THEIR JOURNEY WAS SPENT IN MONTANA, AND MUCH OF WHAT THEY SAW HERE REMAINS UNCHANGED. REMOTE STRETCHES OF

W. Clark



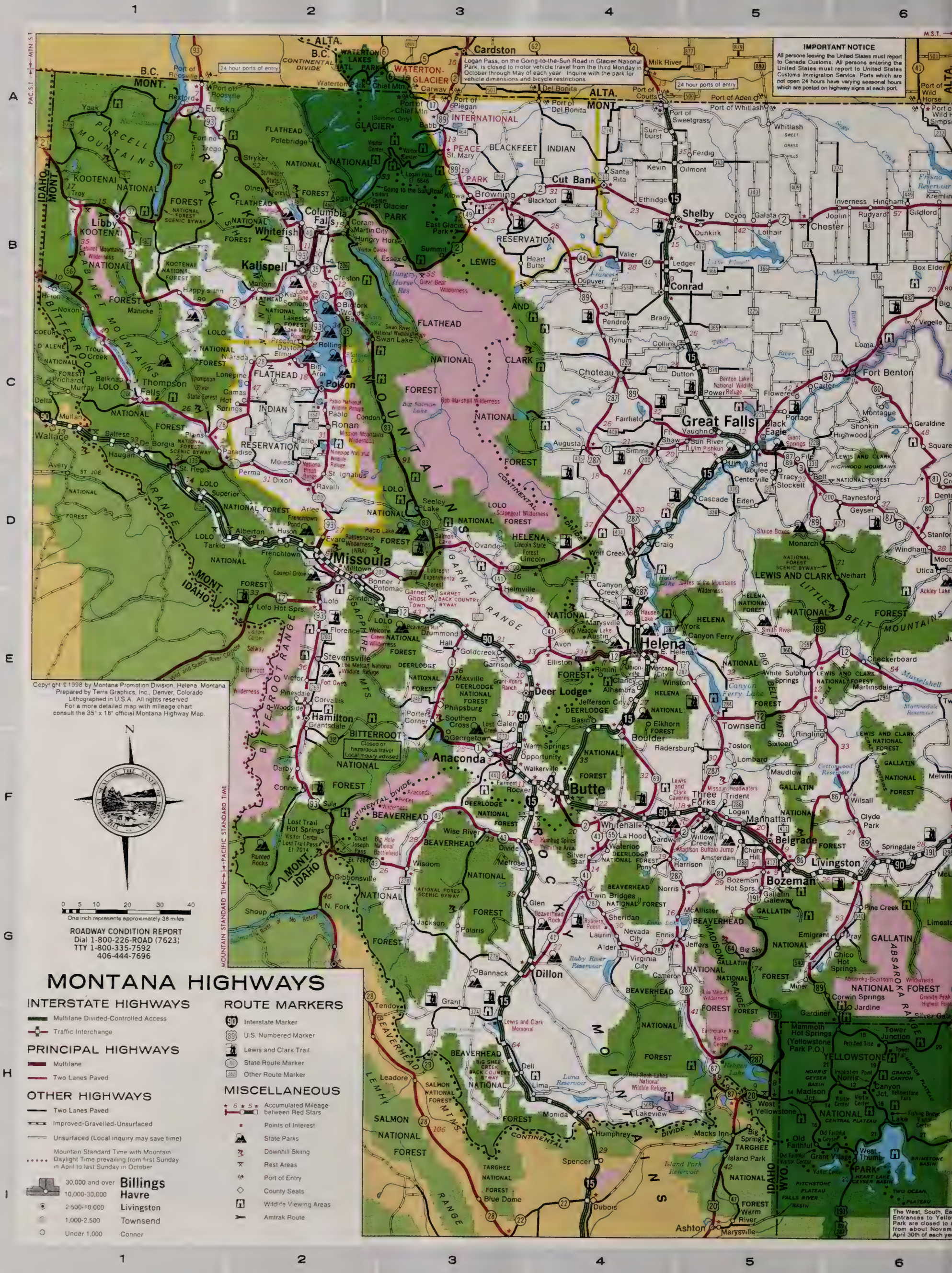
—— Lewis and Clark Route in Montana
 ---- Lewis' Exploration Route of the Marias River

As you travel, watch for these signs which mark Lewis and Clark's route through Montana.



LEWIS & CLARK EXPLORATION DAVE MCCART

MONTANA



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consult the 35" x 18" official Montana Highway Map.



One inch represents approximately 38 miles

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Dial 1-800-226-ROAD (7623)
TTY 1-800-335-7592
406-444-7696

MONTANA HIGHWAYS

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

- Multilane Divided-Controlled Access
- Traffic Interchange

PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS

- Multilane
- Two Lanes Paved

OTHER HIGHWAYS

- Two Lanes Paved
- Improved-Gravelled-Unsurfaced
- Unsurfaced (Local inquiry may save time)
- Mountain Standard Time with Mountain Daylight Time prevailing from first Sunday in April to last Sunday in October

ROUTE MARKERS

- Interstate Marker
- U.S. Numbered Marker
- Lewis and Clark Trail
- State Route Marker
- Other Route Marker

MISCELLANEOUS

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- Points of Interest
- State Parks
- Downhill Skiing
- Rest Areas
- Port of Entry
- County Seats
- Wildlife Viewing Areas
- Amtrak Route

- 30,000 and over
- 10,000-30,000
- 2,500-10,000
- 1,000-2,500
- Under 1,000

Billings
Havre
Livingston
Townsend
Conner

The West, South, East
Entrances to Yellowstone
Park are closed to traffic
from about November
1st to April 30th of each year

GLACIER COUNTRY

800-338-5072 OR 406-837-6211



Canoeing on the Swan River



IT STARTS WITH THE "CROWN OF THE CONTINENT"—GLACIER NATIONAL PARK—AND EXTENDS TO FLATHEAD LAKE, LARGEST FRESHWATER LAKE IN THE WEST. GLACIER COUNTRY IS A SPLENDID MIX OF PUBLIC LANDS AND PRIVATE AMENITIES. THE BOB MARSHALL WILDLANDS COMPLEX, ALONE, ACCOUNTS FOR 1.5 MILLION ACRES OF FEDERALLY PROTECTED WILDERNESS. ADD THE JEWEL BASIN HIKING AREA, THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE, THE FLATHEAD WILD & SCENIC RIVER, AND YOU'LL KNOW WHY GLACIER COUNTRY IS A DESTINATION IN ITSELF. WESTERN MONTANA'S LARGEST CITY IS MISSOULA, HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. SEVERAL SMALLER CITIES AND TOWNS ARE ANXIOUS TO SHOW OFF ATTRACTIONS THAT RANGE FROM HISTORIC CHURCHES AND MANSIONS TO CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Glacier National Park (A-2) 888-7800

Set in a rugged section of the northern Rockies, Glacier National Park joins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada. Together they create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site—an ideal "two nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 52-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Maximum vehicle dimensions over Logan Pass are 21 feet long (including bumpers) and 8 feet wide (including mirrors). Oversize vehicles may be parked at various points. Rental cars are available at nearby

towns; a shuttle service may be available, call the park for details. Logan Pass normally opens mid-June and closes mid-October. Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Approximately 1,200 campsites are available to car campers on a first-come, first-served basis; backcountry permits are available. Park accommodations feature historic hotels and lodges. Facilities are open seasonally; the park and portions of Going-to-the-Sun Road are open year-round. For room reservations, call 602-207-6000. For shelter reservations at Granite Park Chalet (cook your own meals), call 387-5555. In addition to driving or hiking on your own, choose from several tour options. For historic jammer bus

Museum of the Plains Indian, Browning



Missoula Carousel



Area attractions, cities and towns are keyed to the map on page 22. All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Phone number for local chamber is listed with city or town where applicable. Seasonal attractions are generally open during the summer months only.



Hoary Marmot, Glacier National Park



Golf is a popular Flathead Valley attraction.

tours, call 226-9311 (summer); for boat tours, call 732-4480 or 403-859-2362 (Waterton Lake only); for guided backpacking and hiking trips, call 800-521-7238 or 387-5555, and for American Indian interpretive tours, call 800-SUN-9220 or 226-9220 (summer).

The Glacier Institute, 755-1211 or 888-5215 (summer only)

For travelers who seek a deeper understanding of the natural world, this educational organization offers a variety of field seminars and programs for individuals and groups in and around Glacier National Park.

Flathead Lake (B, C-2)

Located between Kalispell and Polson, this is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi; renowned for its fishing. Boat tours include the diesel-powered *Far West* from Somers (857-3203), the 51-ft. racing sloop *Questa* from Bigfork (837-5569), two power boats from Pointer Scenic Cruises in Bigfork (837-5617), the 1926 yacht, *M/V Seafarer* from Bigfork (676-8593), and the 41-ft. *Port Polson Princess* from Polson (883-2448 or 800-882-6363).

Flathead Lake State Park (B, C-2) 752-5501

Six scenic units bordering Flathead Lake. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units feature camping, fishing, boating, swimming. Fee.

Big Arm (west shore). Boat access to Wild Horse Island. Summer, 849-5255.

Finley Point (east shore). Conifer forest setting at S end of lake. Summer, 887-2715.

Wayfarers (east shore). North end of lake on MT 35, near resort town of Bigfork. Summer, 837-4196.

West Shore (near Lakeside). Rock formations provide excellent views. Summer, 844-3901.

Wild Horse Island. This 2,163-acre wilderness island is home to bighorn sheep, bald eagles, wild horses, prairie plant species and more. Day use only. Boat access from Big Arm. Summer, 849-5255.

Yellow Bay (east shore). Conifer forest setting on 15 acres; tents only. Summer, 752-5501.

National Bison Range (D-2), 644-2211

Established in 1908 to protect one of the most important remaining herds of American bison, about 400-500 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn

sheep and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tours year-round. Visitor center. Fee when all drives are open, May to October.

Bob Marshall Wilderness (C-3) 758-5200 or 791-7700

Known as the flagship of the nation's wilderness fleet, the "Bob" is one of the largest and best-known wilderness areas in the country. Together with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildlands complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding and river floating. Roughly 1,800 miles of trails.

Jewel Basin Hiking Area (B-2), 755-5401

Located at the north end of the Swan Range between Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake, this specially designated hiking area covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows and wildflowers make this truly a jewel basin.

Flathead National Wild and Scenic River (A, B, C-2, 3), 755-5401

South, Middle and North forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful backcountry. Rafting, kayaking, fishing.

BIGFORK (B-2)

837-5888

Situated on the sheltered bay where the Swan River meets Flathead Lake, Bigfork brims with galleries, fine restaurants, specialty shops and an exceptional golf course. Start the day hiking or fishing; do a gallery and shopping tour at **Bigfork Art & Cultural Center** (837-6927), followed by a show at **Bigfork Summer Playhouse** (837-4886).

BROWNING (B-3)

338-7406

Headquarters for the Blackfeet Nation, Montana's largest Indian tribe, Browning lies at the east edge of Glacier National Park. Blackfeet Historic Site & Tipi Village Tours (800-215-2395). Annual North American Indian Days in July and Heart Butte Indian Days in August. Watchable wildlife, campgrounds, fishing, boating, hiking, hunting, horseback riding and rodeos.

Museum of the Plains Indian, 338-2230

Comprehensive collection of artifacts from the tribes of the Northern Plains. Authentic Native American arts and crafts available at museum shop. Open daily, June 1-Oct. 1; otherwise, weekdays.

Scraper Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze, 338-5425

One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife art and taxidermy in a studio that features his own sculpture and the work of other artists. Open daily.

COLUMBIA FALLS (B-2) 892-2072

A stop in this gateway city to Glacier Park brings family fun and exploration. Enjoy championship golf in summer; cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling in winter. The city also boasts a popular waterslide and whitewater rafting.

CORAM (B-2)

Near West Glacier, Coram is home to the **North American Wildlife Museum** (387-4018) and the **Great Bear Adventure** (387-4290), where visitors can observe bears in their natural habitat. Seasonal.

CUT BANK (A-4)

873-4041

Cut Bank serves as a gateway to the Rocky Mountains and Glacier Park. Visitors enjoy a taste of history and the Old West at the **Glacier Historical Museum** (873-4904).

DARBY (C-2)

363-2400

Darby lies in the heart of the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. This prime recreation area claims **Painted Rocks State Park** (542-5500), **Alta Ranger Station**, the first USDA Forest Service ranger station, and **Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum** (821-4503).

DAYTON (C-2)

On the west shore of Flathead Lake, this is the perfect spot to embark for Wild Horse Island. Enjoy the outdoors at **Lake Mary Ronan State Park** (752-5501). Fee. Or sample the unique taste of Montana grapes at the **Mission Mountain Winery** (849-5524).

ESSEX (B-3)

Halfway between East and West Glacier, Essex is home to a historic inn that once housed winter snow removal crews for the Great Northern Railroad. Today it is a popular year-round stop for visitors, especially railroad buffs and cross-country skiers.

EUREKA (A-1)

Tucked away in Montana's forested northwest corner, this area offers some of the state's scenic treasures. **Ten Lakes Scenic Area** (882-4451) treats visitors to mountain drives, pristine lakes and abundant fishing. For area history, take in the **Tobacco Valley Historic Village**.

HAMILTON (E-2)

363-2400

Located in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley, Hamilton is Montana's gateway to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and a number of other recreational and historic attractions, including the **Ravalli County Museum** (363-3338), 205 Bedford. Fee.

Daly Mansion, 363-6004

Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths and 5 Italian marble fireplaces,

GLACIER COUNTRY



Powwow dancer

the huge mansion presides over 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley. Tours daily, April 15-Oct. 15; off-season by appointment. Fee.

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (E, F-2) 363-7161

This 1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Bitterroot Range on Montana's western border with Idaho. Several canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Abundant wildlife. No motorized travel.

HUNGRY HORSE (B-2)

At the edge of the lake formed by **Hungry Horse Dam** (387-5241) and surrounded by spectacular mountains, this northwestern Montana town is a stone's throw from Glacier Park's West Entrance. Find family fun at several local amusements.

KALISPELL (B-2)

758-2800

Founded in 1891, Kalispell is now a bustling small city and home to much history, culture, commercial activity and outdoor recreation. The city's natural beauty and pleasant lifestyle draw a wide variety of residents and tourists. Get acquainted with the city on a walking tour of historic buildings and enjoy regional culture at the **Hockaday Center for the Arts** (755-5268), 302 2nd Ave. E., open Tues.-Sat.

Conrad Mansion, 755-2166

Built in 1895 as the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the city of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance; 313 6th Ave. E. Fee. Seasonal.

Logan State Park, 293-7190 (summer) or 752-5501

On north shore of Middle Thompson Lake, 45 miles W of town on US 2. Swimming, boating, camping. Fee.

Lone Pine State Park, 755-2706

Day use area on Foy's Lake Rd., 5 miles SW of town; scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, group picnic shelter, trails. Fee.

LIBBY (B-1)

293-4167

Located deep in the timberlands of northwestern Montana, this logging community offers many recreational opportunities, including the Cabinet

Mountains Wilderness, the Kootenai National Forest, Kootenai River and Kootenai Falls. Explore area history at the **Heritage Museum** (293-7521). Seasonal.

Cabinet Mountains Wilderness (B-1) 293-6211

This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range S of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized travel.

Libby Dam, 293-5577

A 420-foot-high, multi-purpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area.

LOLO (E-2)

An important junction in Western history, Lolo is a gateway to the Bitterroot Valley. Visit the **Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center** (208-942-3113) on US 12 near the Idaho/Montana border to learn more about the historic Lolo Trail, used by the Nez Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition en route to the Pacific. Seasonal.

MISSOULA (D-2)

543-6623

Montana's cultural superstar and third-largest city, Missoula is home to The University of Montana. At the head of five scenic valleys and the junction of three great rivers, Missoula has no shortage of recreational opportunities. **Beavertail Hill State Park** (26 mi. SE) and **Frenchtown Pond State Park** (15 mi. W) offer river and pond fishing. **Council Grove State Park** (10 mi. W) preserves the site where the Hellgate Treaty was signed in 1855, establishing the Flathead Indian Reservation. (All three parks, 542-5500). Missoula is also home to the Montana Repertory Theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre, String Orchestra of the Rockies and Garden City Ballet. Kids love **A Carousel for Missoula** (549-8382) in Caras Park downtown. Explore western Montana history at the **Historical Museum at Fort Missoula** (728-3476) on South Ave. W of Reserve St.

Art Museum of Missoula, 728-0447

Permanent collection of 19th-20th century Northwest art; changing exhibitions. Fee. 335 N. Pattee

Memorial Rose Garden

More than 2,500 rose bushes maintained as a memorial to the casualties of World War II and Montana's Vietnam veterans. This small city park on Brooks St. also features a 12-ft. bronze statue.

Museum of Fine Arts/Paxon Gallery 243-4970

Contemporary and historical visual arts on the University of Montana campus.

Ninemile Remount Depot, 626-5201

Take the Ninemile exit 25 miles W of town on I-90, and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station. From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and back-country work projects throughout the northern Rockies. Visitor center open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Self-guiding tour.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, 523-4545 or 800-CALL-ELK

Missoula is home to this national wildlife group. Enjoy elk and natural history displays, wildlife theater, gift shop and art gallery at 2291 W. Broadway.

Smokejumper Visitor Center, 329-4934

Headquarters for the USDA Forest Service smoke-

jumpers, 7 miles W of town on Old Hwy 10. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day. Off-season tours, for large groups only, by appointment.

Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride, 549-9777

This popular ski area is 12 miles NW of town. Take a 22-minute ride to 7,000 feet, then hike to the summit and ride the chair back down. Fri., Sat. and Sun. in July and August. Fee.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 542-0321

Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings and stained glass. 420 W. Pine.

PABLO (C-2)

Headquarters for the **Flathead Indian Reservation** (675-2700), Pablo lies at the base of the Mission Mountains S of Flathead Lake. The reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes and the **Salish-Kootenai Community College** (675-4800). Of special interest are the Ninepipe and Pablo wildlife refuges, Arlee Powwow (early July) and Elmo Powwow (mid-July).

Sqélix/Aq̓smakni-k' Cultural Center, "The People's Center," 675-0160

Native Ed-Venture Guided Heritage, Culture and History Tours. Bears, Bison and Birds Tour. Group and customized itineraries. Gift shop.

POLSON (C-2)

883-5969

Known for its mild climate and water recreation opportunities, Polson lies at the south end of Flathead Lake. For an overview of area history, visit the **Polson Historical Museum** (883-3049) on Main St. Seasonal.

Kerr Dam, 883-4450

Concrete arch-type dam is 204 ft. high, 54 ft. higher than Niagara Falls. Picnicking, whitewater rafting, fishing, vista overlook. Tours by appointment.

Miracle of America Museum and Historic Village, 883-6804

The largest collection of antique artifacts in western Montana, ranging from toys to tractors; also a pioneer village. S of Polson on US 93.

RONAN (C-2)

676-8300

Located in the scenic Mission Valley between Flathead Lake and Missoula, this small town offers a great community golf course and area history at the **Garden of the Rockies Museum** (676-5210). Seasonal.

SEELEY LAKE (D-3)

677-2880

Flanked by the peaks of the Mission and Swan mountain ranges, this popular recreation town is near several lakes that make up the chain of Clearwater Lakes. Those who love water and the great outdoors will discover excellent camping, boating, fishing and hiking opportunities at **Placid Lake State Park** (542-5500) and **Salmon Lake State Park** (542-5500). Seasonal. Fee for both.

ST. IGNATIUS (D-2)

745-4884

Rich in history and native culture, this small town on the Flathead Indian Reservation offers beautiful views of the Mission Valley. You'll find Native American crafts and artifacts at the **Flathead Indian Museum and Trading Post** (745-2951) and Native American artifacts, antique toys and trains at the

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Gondola at The Big Mountain

Four Winds Historic Village and Trading Post (745-4336), open year-round; call for tours in the off-season. Fee.

St. Ignatius Mission, 745-2768

A favorite of photographers because of its beautiful setting, this historic Catholic church features 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings.

ST. REGIS (D-1)

649-2290

One of Montana's six major gateway information centers; located on I-90 between Missoula and the Idaho border; open May 1-September 30.

STEVENSVILLE (E-2)

363-2400

Flanked by the Bitterroot and Sapphire mountains, this small, historic town in the Bitterroot Valley offers beautiful views, outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. For an overview of area history, visit the **Stevensville Museum** (777-3201 or 777-1007). Seasonal.

Fort Owen State Park, 542-5500

Built in 1850 by Major John Owen as a regional trade center, the adobe/log fort is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana.

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge 777-5552

This 2,800-acre refuge along the Bitterroot River provides habitat for nesting osprey and other birds and wildlife. Interpretive trails, picnic area; open year-round.

Daly Mansion, Hamilton



St. Mary's Mission, 777-5734

First Catholic mission in the northwest. Established by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841. Chapel/residence, log house/pharmacy, museum, cemetery. Tours April 15-October 15; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

SUPERIOR (D-1)

822-4891

Located on the St. Regis River W of Missoula, this small town offers a break from interstate travel and an introduction to area history in the **Mineral County Museum** (822-4626).

THOMPSON FALLS (C-1)

827-4930

Thompson Falls sits on the scenic Clark Fork River and is named after David Thompson, early explorer, fur trader and cartographer. Walk across the Gallatin St. Bridge to an island park to view the falls and enjoy the trail system. **Thompson Falls State Park** (752-5501) offers bird watching, fishing and boating on Noxon Reservoir. Other attractions include the **Historic Jail Museum** (827-3496), an excellent public golf course on the river, boat launches at Flatiron and Wild Goose Landing, and the Bighorn Sheep Viewing Station, E of town.

TROY (B-1)

Visitors can walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high at the **Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area** (295-4693) S of this northwestern Montana town. The **Troy Museum and Visitors Center** (295-5377) is open in the summer.

VICTOR (E-2)

363-2400

Named for a Flathead Indian chief and nestled in the Bitterroot Valley, Victor offers endless recreational opportunities. Explore the **Victor Heritage Museum** (642-3997), housed in the railroad depot. Seasonal.

WHITEFISH (B-2)

862-3501

This five-star resort town is the perfect destination for visiting Glacier Park. Enjoy world-class skiing and summertime activities at the **Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort** (862-1900), Montana's only 36-hole championship golf course, and Whitefish City Beach, a sandy swimming beach in a public park setting. **Whitefish Lake State Park** (862-3991) offers boating, swimming and fishing. Unique shops, art galleries, nightlife and award-winning restaurants make Whitefish popular year-round.

The Big Mountain Chairlift Ride, 862-1900

Viewing station and restaurant at the top; hike the 5.6-mile Danny On Trail to the bottom, or choose any of three shorter hikes. Fee.

YAAK (A-1)

An Indian word meaning arrow, Yaak anchors Montana's northwest corner. The **Northwest Peaks Scenic Area** (295-4693), a popular hiking area, features spectacular mountain wilderness and scenery.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GLACIER COUNTRY

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL—

Whitefish, 2nd weekend in February

An all-out celebration of winter with parades, food, dance and winter activities.

RACE TO THE SKY SLED DOG RACE—

Holland Lake, Seeley Lake, Missoula, mid-February

This 500-mile race is the longest in the lower 48 states. The race starts in Lincoln and ends in Missoula.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM

FESTIVAL—Missoula, 2nd week in April

One of two international wildlife film festivals in the world. Competition features top films and filmmakers from around the world. Workshops and panel discussions; week-long public showings.

TRI-STATE BASS TOURNAMENT—

Trout Creek, last weekend in July

Team tournament at Noxon Reservoir; best weight out of two day limit.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND

POWWOW—Arlee, 1st week in July

Salish celebration attracts Native Americans from the U.S. and Canada. Features dance, song, stick games, cards, food, crafts and contests.

FLATHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL—

Flathead Valley, mid-July

Guest artists make a joyful noise throughout the valley with a variety of music in concert and workshops.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS—

Browning, 2nd weekend in July

Blackfeet celebration that draws tribes from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Feasting, dancing, parades, contests.

LIBBY LOGGER DAYS—

Libby, 3rd weekend in July

This northwestern logging town celebrates its heritage with logging events, contests, food booths, parades and events for kids.

RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR—

Hamilton, last weekend in August

All the good things an old-fashioned county fair should be. Food, entertainment, arts, crafts, vegetable and floral displays, 4-H animals and more.

NORDICFEST—

Libby, 2nd weekend in September

Scandinavian festival with food booths, craft show, entertainment and Fjord horse show.

For more information, contact:

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836 Holt Drive

Bigfork, Montana 59911

800-338-5072 or 406-837-6211

Fax: 406-837-6231

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

800-879-1159 OR 406-846-1943

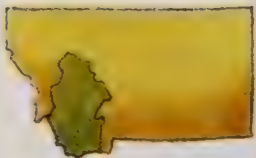


SALVATORE VASAPOLIT

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Deer Lodge



National Forest
Scenic Byway



BUILT ON THE SENSATIONAL FORTUNES OF THE GOLD RUSH ERA, MONTANA'S SOUTHWEST CORNER BOASTS RICHES THAT RANGE FROM STATE PARKS AND BLUE-RIBBON TROUT STREAMS TO MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES. FROM THE RESTORED GOLD CAMPS OF BANNACK AND VIRGINIA CITY TO THE MANSIONS, ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC TOURS OF ITS EARLY MINING CITIES, GOLD WEST COUNTRY TAKES PRIDE IN ITS HISTORY. OTHER HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, SITE OF AN 1877 BATTLE BETWEEN THE NEZ PERCE AND THE U.S. CAVALRY, AND THE GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IN DEER LODGE, WHICH PRESERVES THE HEADQUARTERS OF ONE OF MONTANA'S LARGEST CATTLE RANCHING EMPIRES.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Virginia City, Nevada City (G-4) 843-5377 or 843-5331

Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the 1860s gold rush era, located on MT 287, between Butte and Yellowstone Park. The Virginia City Players offer 19th-century melodrama nightly in summer. View period buildings, or try your luck at gold panning. Historical tours available. Museums open May-Sept. For accommodations call 800-829-2969 or 843-5555.

Big Hole National Battlefield (F-3) 689-3155

Site of historic 1877 battle between Col. John Gibbon's troops and five bands of non-treaty Nez Perce. Visitor center, museum, battlefield tour. One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historical Park, this one is located 10 miles W of Wisdom on MT 43. Fee in summer.

Bannack State Park (G-3), 834-3413

Site of Montana's first major gold strike in 1862,

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area



Atlas Building, Helena



Area attractions, cities and towns are keyed to the map on page 22. All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Phone number for local chamber is listed with city or town where applicable. Seasonal attractions are generally open during the summer months only.



Nevada City, Montana

Bannack was also Montana's first territorial capital. Bannack is a moment frozen in time. A walking tour of this carefully preserved ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade, Montana's first jail and the Methodist Church, where early-day circuit rider "Brother Van" preached. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. Off MT 278, W of Dillon. Open year-round. Fee.

Garnet Ghost Town (D-3), 329-3914

Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well-preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in a turn-of-the-century gold camp. Located in the Garnet Range between I-90 and MT 200, Garnet is best reached from the north, off MT 200, or from I-90, W of Drummond. Winter access (Dec. 1-May 15) by snowmobiling or skiing only. Winter cabin rentals. Fee.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park (F-5) 287-3541

Montana's first and best-known park features the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Daily cave tours (May 1-Sept. 30), ranger talks with movies. Campground with camping cabins, picnic area, hiking trails, concession, visitor center. Located between Cardwell and Three Forks on MT 2. Fee.

Pintler Scenic Route (E-3)

This highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes to the towns of Drummond, Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. Visit **St. Timothy's Chapel** for memorable views of the Georgetown Lake area. Take MT 1, off I-90, between Missoula and Deer Lodge, or between Butte and Deer Lodge.

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (H-4), 276-3536

One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan, this remote refuge is located on Centennial Valley Rd. (unpaved), between West Yellowstone and Monida. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, moose and antelope. Primitive area.

ALDER (G-4)

Once a shipping point for Virginia City ore, this town is home to **Robber's Roost**. Hold-up gangs used to

hang out here during the early gold rush days when stage coaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City.

ANACONDA (F-3)

563-2400

Founded in 1883, this small town owes its existence to Marcus Daly and the Anaconda Copper Company. Smelting operations were suspended in 1980, but "**The Stack**" remains an important landmark and state park. Visit the **Copper Village Museum and Arts Center** (563-2422) for area history and a copper smelter display, and the **Hearst Free Library** (563-6932), a classic 1889 period building donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst. Self-guided walking and bus tours of historic Anaconda begin at the **Anaconda Visitor Center**, 306 E. Park. The 1.6 mile Upper Works Historic Trail affords an overview of Anaconda and the Old Works smelter site, now a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course. Enjoy the city's popular **Washoe Park** (563-3409), which includes state fish hatchery trout display ponds and recreational facilities for all ages. The **Warm Springs Wildlife Management Area** (693-7395), 7 miles NE of town, offers interpretive trails, boating, fishing, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness (F-2, 3)

821-3201

This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide SW of Anaconda. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off US 93, on the W side of the wilderness. No motorized travel.

Lost Creek State Park, 542-5500

Scenic recreation area N of town, off Rt. 273; handicapped accessible. Short trail to Lost Creek Falls offers views of limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 feet above the canyon floor, mountain goats and bighorn sheep. Camping, picnicking. Seasonal.

BOULDER (E-4)

This small community is home to the **Jefferson County Courthouse**, listed on the National Historic Register. Built in 1889, the building has a three-story entry and gargoyles perched on 24-inch thick stone walls. Visit nearby **Elkhorn State Park** (444-4720) for excellent examples of frontier archi-

ture. This ghost town stands as a reminder of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, picnicking. Seasonal.

BUTTE (F-4)

800-735-6814 or 723-3177

Once known as "the richest hill on earth," Butte is steeped in mining history. Copper, gold and silver were all found here, and Butte became a melting pot of ethnic diversity as immigrants flocked to the mines for employment. The **Anselmo Mine Yard** in uptown Butte is the best surviving example of surface support facilities that once served the mines; open seasonally. The **Dumas Brothel**, built in 1890 as a "parlor house" on E. Mercury, served the miners. Closed in 1982, it is now open for tours. Butte is the home of Montana Tech of the University of Montana, which grew out of Butte's mining heritage. Its **Mineral Museum** (496-4414) displays 1,500 specimens, including a 27.5-oz. gold nugget. Walking tour brochures of this historic city are available at the Butte Chamber of Commerce, 1000 George St. (Exit 126 off I-90). This is also the place to catch a tour of Butte on a replica of an early-day streetcar, "**Old No. 1.**"

Arts Chateau, 723-7600

Changing exhibitions of regional art are displayed in the elegant 1898 Victorian mansion of C.W. Clark, son of Copper King William A. Clark; 321 W. Broadway. Fee.

Berkeley Pit, 800-735-6814 or 723-3177

Until it closed in 1982, this was the nation's largest truck-operated, open pit copper mine. Enter from Continental Drive. Visitor center and viewing stand open seasonally.

Copper King Mansion, 782-7580

Three-story, 34-room mansion of copper king/politician William A. Clark. Preserved as it was in the 1880s, this is the only privately owned mansion in the state accessible to the public. Furnished with lavish antiques; 219 W. Granite. Tours May 1-Sept. 30; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

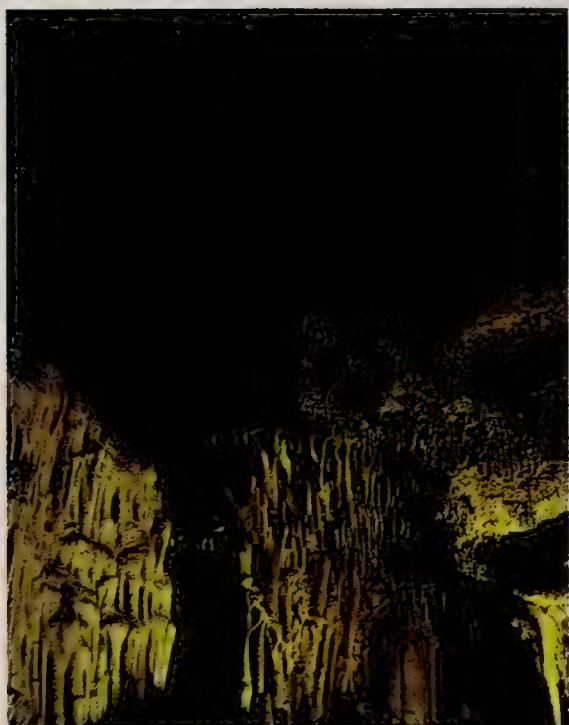
Granite Mountain Mine Memorial, 723-3177

A mine disaster in 1917 killed 168 men, who are honored here. Turn right at the St. Lawrence Church, 1308 N. Main, and follow the signs. Free.

Fishing the Big Hole River



PAUL UPDINE



Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park

Historic Chinese Building, The Mai Wah, 723-6669

Located in what was Chinatown, between Galena and Mercury in uptown Butte. Once a mercantile and noodle parlor, the building now houses exhibits to interpret Asian history in Butte. Open summer weekdays. Fee.

Humbug Spires Primitive Area (F-3) 494-5059

Rock climbing, hiking and geological sightseeing among unusual limestone formations. South of Butte, off I-15.

Our Lady of the Rockies 800-800-LADY or 782-1221

90-foot statue atop the Continental Divide, E of Butte; 8,500 feet above sea level. Tours (fee); gift shop at 434 N. Main.

St. Lawrence Church, 782-9220

Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of \$25,000. Hand-carved altars, some made of marble and brass; 40 frescoes. Open Fri. and Sun., 1308 N. Main. Seasonal.

U.S. High Altitude Sports Center, 494-3406

Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition. Located on Continental Drive.

World Museum of Mining, 723-7211

This 1899 mining camp covers 12 acres and includes 3 dozen structures located at the base of a real mine headframe on W. Park St. near Montana Tech campus. Open 9-9 summer, limited fall/spring hours. Fee.

DEER LODGE (E-4)

846-2094

"Do time" in Deer Lodge, home of the historic Montana Prison. In fact, visitors will find plenty of history in Deer Lodge at one of many museums, including the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. Recreational opportunities abound in the nearby Deerlodge National Forest.

Frontier Montana, 846-0026 or 846-3111

Western and saloon memorabilia collection, 1153 Main St. Seasonal. Fee.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site 846-3388

Located on the northern outskirts of town, this historic treasure was headquarters for an 1800s cattle empire that grazed cattle in four states and Canada. See livestock, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection and more. Elegant ranch house can be seen on guided tour. Fee.

Montana Law Enforcement Museum 846-3111

Pay tribute to law enforcement officers at this museum, located in the historic prison. Seasonal. Fee.

Old Montana Prison, 846-3111

This castle-like stone structure at 1106 Main St. was the first territorial prison in the western U.S. Vacated in November 1979, it is now a museum with guided and self-guided tours, open year-round. During summer, the "Old Prison Players" theater group offers a variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. Fee for both.

Powell County Museum, 846-3294 or 846-3111

Area artifacts, local history, art gallery; located in the Old Prison Complex. Seasonal.

Towe Antique Ford Museum, 846-3111

Features more than 100 cars on a rotating basis. On display in 1998 will be '55, '56 and '57 Fords and Chevys, along with more than 75 antique and vintage cars. Open daily. Fee.

Yesterday's Playthings (A Toy Museum) 846-1480 or 846-3111

More than 1,000 dolls and toys that span a century. Old Prison Complex. Seasonal. Fee.

DILLON (G-4)

683-5511

This farm and ranch community claims the perfect mix of culture, history and recreation. **Western Montana College** (683-7011) features an art gallery and the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection. Summer theater, museums, unique architecture, recreation and historic sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail all make Dillon a fun-filled stop.

Beaverhead County Museum, 683-5027

Explore southwestern Montana history at this impressive local museum located at 15 S. Montana, near the visitor center. Indoor and outdoor displays, artifacts, photos and taxidermy. Downtown historic walking tour. Open March-Nov.

Beaverhead Rock State Park, 834-3413

In 1805, Shoshone Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this familiar landmark, which resembles a beaver's head. Located N of town on MT 41. Park undeveloped.

Clark Canyon Recreation Area (H-3) 683-6472

Excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. Marina on site, fee for marina use.

Dillon Visitor Information Center 683-5511

Statewide travel information center located in old railroad depot, 125 S. Montana, features historical diorama of "Lewis and Clark Expedition at the Beavershead." Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880.

ENNIS (G-4)

682-4388

A good-time Western town, Ennis is full of cowboys, anglers and outdoor recreationists. The Western flavor is for real and there's plenty of action along the boardwalk on weekends. Visitors will find nearly 3 million acres of publicly accessible national forest lands surrounding Ennis as well as access to one of Montana's best-known trout streams, the Madison River. The **Ennis National Fish Hatchery** on Varney Rd. (682-7635) propagates six strains of rainbow trout that produce 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout the U.S.

Beartrap Canyon, 683-2337

Part of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, this area NE of Ennis is popular for hiking, fishing and whitewater rafting on the Madison River. Trail Creek Access Picnic Area (located at the head of the canyon below Ennis Lake) was the first fishing and picnicking site along the Madison designed for disabled use.

Madison Canyon Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, 646-7369

On August 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake, an eerie reminder of nature's violence. Memorial Visitor Center is S of town on US 287. Seasonal.

HELENA (E-4)

800-7-HELENA or 442-4120

An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along main street, still known as Last Chance Gulch. View historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. Self-guiding brochures available at the Helena Chamber, 225 Cruse Ave. or at the Visitor Center off I-15. Water sports abound in the Helena area, from **Spring Meadow Lake State Park** (449-4720) located on the city's western edge, to outlying **Hauser Lake State Park** (444-4720), Canyon Ferry and Holter Lake recreation areas. Fee for both parks.

Archie Bray Foundation, 443-3502

Ceramic artists from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture. Gallery, self-guided tour. 2915 Country Club Ave.

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area, 475-3310

This popular reservoir east of town provides excellent fishing, boating, sailing, camping and wildlife watching; 76 miles of shoreline. Bald eagle viewing in mid-November.

Gates of the Mountains, 458-5241

Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River canyon, route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Hiking, boating, history, wildlife. N of town off I-15. Seasonal. Fee.

Grandstreet Theater, 447-1574

Live theatre Thurs.-Sat. in historic brownstone building, 325 N. Park. Fee.

Holter Lake Recreation Area, 494-5059

Boating, fishing and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness, Beartooth Wildlife Management Area and Sleeping Giant Wilderness Study Area. Fee.

Holter Museum of Art, 442-6400

Changing exhibits of contemporary and historical art in attractive downtown museum, 12 E. Lawrence. Tues.-Fri., 11:30-5; Sat.-Sun., 12-5.



Big Hole National Battlefield

Last Chance Tour Train, 442-1023

One-hour narrated tour of historic Helena begins at corner of 6th & Roberts, near State Capitol; mid-May to Sept. 30. Hourly. Fee.

Kleffner Ranch, 227-6645

Visit one of Montana's most unique ranch properties—an octagonal stone house and three-story barn with 27,000 feet of floor space—both built in the late 1800s a few miles E of Helena. Historic lecture and tours by appointment. Fee.

Marysville

Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed on the National Register; NW of town off Rt. 279.

Montana Historical Society, 444-2694

Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photography, changing exhibits, library, archives and museum store; 225 N. Roberts, near State Capitol.

Myrna Loy Center, 443-0287

Helena's showcase for national touring music, theatre and dance companies; festivals, conferences and films. Located in renovated county jail, 15 N. Ewing.

Original Governor's Mansion, 442-3115

Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours, Labor Day-Dec., Tues.-Sat. 304 N. Ewing.

Reeder's Alley, 449-2552

Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with

shops, restaurant and visitor center. Representative of Helena's early mining era is the **Pioneer Cabin** (443-7641), located at the base of Reeder's Alley. Built in 1864, this historic cabin houses many original furnishings. Seasonal or by appointment. 200 S. Park.

Sapphires

Dig for sapphires and other gems or take home some "paydirt" to sift through at Spokane Bar Mine (227-8989) or Eldorado Bar (721-5351), both NE of Helena.

St. Helena Cathedral, 442-5825

Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting. 530 N. Ewing. Open weekdays.

State Capitol, 444-4789

An imposing structure that reflects the Greek Renaissance style. Interior murals feature themes of Montana's past. Located at corner of 6th and Montana. Daily tours, Memorial Day to mid-Sept., group tours by reservation.

PHILIPSBURG (E-3)

859-3388

Granite remnants of this once-thriving 1890s silver boomtown and a renovated business district are on the National Historic Register. A popular recreation area, **Georgetown Lake** is 10 miles from Philipsburg and offers a beautiful mountain setting, fishing, boating and camping. Try some prospecting at **Sapphire Gallery** (800-525-0169) or visit the **Granite County Museum & Mine Exhibit** (859-3388), home of the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. Seasonal. Fee.

TOWNSEND (E-5)

266-3911

A small town with a big Western feel. Stop by the **Broadwater County Museum** (266-5252) for the lowdown on area history; pick up maps at the Chamber of Commerce for self-guided tours through historic mining and scenic areas in the nearby Elkhorn and Big Belt Mountains.

WISE RIVER (F-3)

Surrounded by a half-million acres of peaks, lakes and headwaters in the Pioneer Mountains, Wise River offers some of Montana's most breathtaking scenery. The **Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway** (683-3900) offers 40 miles of backcountry driving that bisect the Pioneer Mountains between MT 43 and Hwy 278. Enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill and a narrow-gauge railroad that served the mill. **Crystal Park** (683-3900) features public diggings for smokey, amethyst and clear quartz crystals. Summer/fall travel recommended; popular snowmobile area in winter.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GOLD WEST COUNTRY

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL—

Anaconda, early February

Chocolate bonanza, plus tours of historic Washoe Theater, Chocolate Story Hour for children, window decorating contest.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS—

Butte, March 16-17

The Irish and would-be Irish come home to Butte for parade, concerts, Blarney Stone Run and other spirited events.

MONTANA TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL—

Helena, June

The 1920s come alive with hot jazz and red-hot mamas. Prohibition jazz resounds through the city for 5 nights and 4 days.

BUFFALO RUNNERS SHOOT—

Virginia City, end of June

Old West rifle competition. Spectators welcome to view this authentic frontier contest.

4TH OF JULY RODEO & PARADE—

Ennis, July

One of Montana's favorite rodeos; parade down Main Street.

GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH CELEBRATION—

Deer Lodge, 2nd weekend in July

The Old West comes alive with roping, branding, blacksmithing, special kids' programs and lots of demonstrations.

BANNACK DAYS—

Bannack, 3rd weekend in July

Return to Montana's Territorial Capital as it was a century ago, with stage coach rides, soap-making demonstrations, music, dancing and more.

TWIN BRIDGES FLOATING FLOTILLAS AND

FISH FANTASIES—Twin Bridges,

3rd weekend in July

Fishing contests, wader races, fly casting contests, theatre, games and entertainment for all ages; floating parade on the Beaverhead River.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACCORDION

CELEBRATION—

Philipsburg, 1st weekend in August

Annual event with jams, dancing, concerts, good food, good times.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY FAIR &

DILLON JAYCEE RODEO—

Dillon, Labor Day weekend

"Montana's Biggest Weekend" features rodeo Sun. and Mon., plus barbecue, parade and big-name entertainment.

For more information, contact:

Gold West Country

1155 Main St.

Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

800-879-1159 or 406-846-1943

Fax: 406-846-1943

Cattle Drive



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800-527-5348 OR 406-761-5036



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MONTANA'S NORTHCENTRAL REGION IS NAMED FOR THE

COWBOY ARTIST WHO CAPTURED THIS VAST AND VIVID LANDSCAPE ON CANVAS.

CHARLIE RUSSELL LOVED THE WEST AS HE KNEW IT AT THE TURN OF THE

CENTURY AND MOURNED ITS LOSS AS WHITE CIVILIZATION ENCROACHED. HIS

ADOPTED HOME WAS GREAT FALLS, WHICH HAS PRESERVED THE MOST

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF RUSSELL ART AND MEMORABILIA AT THE

C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM. LEWIS AND CLARK EXPLORED THIS LAND VIA

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THEIR ROUTE REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE WAY IT APPEARED TO

THEM IN 1805-06, ESPECIALLY THE STRETCH OF RIVER BELOW FORT BENTON THAT

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE UPPER MISSOURI NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Kings Hill National Scenic Byway (D, E-5, 6), 547-3361

This 71-mile scenic drive bisects the Little Belt Mountains between Jct. US 12/89 and Jct. US 87/89. Enjoy scenery, history and recreational opportunities, including hiking and fishing at Sluice Boxes State Park (454-5840), 5 miles S of Belt, off US 89.

Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway (C-7, 8), 538-7461

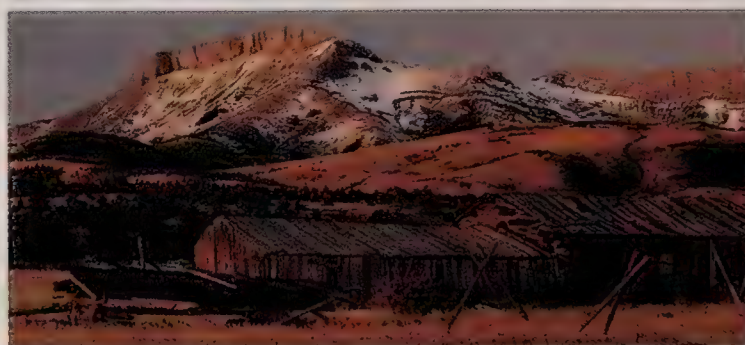
An 81-mile loop accessible from Winifred. Highlights include the Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce national historic trails, C.M. Russell National Wild-

life Refuge and a side trip to the free McClelland Ferry across the Missouri River, April-Oct. Byway open year-round, weather permitting. High-clearance vehicle recommended; roads impassable when wet.

Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, (C-7), 538-7461

The Upper Missouri stretches 149 miles downriver from Fort Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. Highlights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter River, abandoned homesteads and abun-

Ear Mountain near Choteau



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Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River

dant wildlife. Commercial boat tours, shuttle service and rentals at Fort Benton and Virgelle. BLM visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day (622-5185).

BELT (D-5)

Stop by the **Belt Museum** (227-3616) for a look at local history and art. Built in 1895, the museum is the former city jail. Seasonal.

CHESTER (B-5)

759-5415

Visitors find plenty of recreation in this northern town. **Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam** (456-3226), located on the Marias River, offer camping, boating and fishing opportunities. Explore the **Liberty County Museum** (759-5256) and the **Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery** (759-5652) for area history and culture. Seasonal.

CHINOOK (B-7)

357-2100 (summer) or 357-2248

A must-see while in Chinook is the **Bear Paw Battlefield**, 16 miles S of town on Hwy 240. One of Montana's three units of Nez Perce National Historic Park, it is the site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." Park ranger available year-round. Stop by the **Blaine County Museum** (357-2590) for more history, including Bear Paw Battlefield artifacts.

CHOTEAU (C-4)

466-5316

This friendly town along the Rocky Mountain Front features dinosaur digs, wildlife and scenery. Just W of town is the **Bob Marshall Wilderness** (466-5341) with access to 1.5 million acres of wildlands. **Pine Butte Swamp** (466-5526), also W of town, is a Nature Conservancy Preserve that protects a unique wetland along the Front. For a look at fossils, dinosaurs, Indian artifacts and history, stop at the **Old Trail Museum** (466-5332). Paleontology programs are available for adults and children.

FORT BELKNAP AGENCY (B-8) 353-2205

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, located between the Milk River and Little Rocky Mountains, is home



C. M. Russell Museum Complex, Great Falls

to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboiné tribes. Snake Butte, Mission Canyon, Bear Gulch and St. Paul's Mission tours may be offered. Watchable wildlife include a buffalo herd, deer, antelope, rare black-footed ferret, migratory waterfowl and upland birds. Annual events include Milk River Indian Days and Hays' famous all-Indian Rodeo, Powwow and Fair (both in July).

FORT BENTON (C-6)

622-3864

As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, this Missouri River town was the world's innermost port and the "toughest town in the West" from 1860 to 1887. Today it is the gateway for exploration of the Wild & Scenic Upper Missouri River. Visit the **Museum of the Upper Missouri** and the **Museum of the Northern Great Plains**, Montana's agricultural museum (both seasonal, 622-5316). Walk along the steamboat levee to relive Fort Benton's colorful frontier history. Visit the ruins of the old Fort, currently being restored, and the State of Montana's **Lewis and Clark Memorial**.

GERALDINE (C-6)

While in this small town, visit **Square Butte Natural Area** (538-7461). Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats and hawks.

GREAT FALLS (C-5)

761-4434

Great Falls is Montana's second-largest city, located on the Missouri River among the five falls that were both a magnificent spectacle and formidable barrier to early river travel. This area held great significance for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The explorers were forced to spend nearly a month portaging around the falls in June 1805. Great Falls was also the home of cowboy artist Charlie Russell (1864-1926) whose original home and log studio are now part of the C.M. Russell Museum Complex. For an overview of the city, stop at the **Great Falls Information Center** (771-0885) at Overlook Park on Upper River Rd. For narrated sightseeing tours, catch the **Great Falls Historic Trolley** (771-1100) at the Visitor Information Center (summer only) for a 2.5-hour tour of the city, or visit the local sights with **Tour de Great Falls** (771-1100). Fees for both. Soak up some local culture at the **Montana Cowboys**

Bar and Museum (761-9299), 311 3rd St., N.W., or at **Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum** (452-6571) 10 miles E on US 87.

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge 727-7400

12,500-acre refuge with 5,000-acre marshy lake offering wildlife watching and photography. 12 miles N of town on Bootlegger Trail.

C.M. Russell Museum Complex, 727-8787
World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and personal objects, plus works by his contemporaries: Reiss, Seltzer, Wieghorst, Heikka, Sharp. Browning Firearms Collection. Museum, original log cabin studio and Russell home make this a must-see attraction. Fee. 400 13th St. N.

Giant Springs Heritage State Park 454-5840

This lovely park preserves one of the largest natural, cold water springs in the world. Flow from the springs supports a state trout hatchery and also qualifies as the shortest river in the world, the Roe River. Visitor center, picnic sites, river drive and overlooks. Fee. Just off River Drive, NE of town.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, 727-8733

The nation's newest Lewis and Clark interpretive site opens in late spring of 1998 along the banks of the Missouri River overlooking Black Eagle Falls. Located about midway along the Lewis and Clark Trail, the center will focus on relations between the Corps of Discovery and the many Indian tribes they encountered, and on the month-long portage around the five falls on the Missouri River near Great Falls.

Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum, 731-2705

Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, historical military displays. East edge of town.

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art 727-8255

The Square, Great Falls' original high school, was built in 1895 and now houses the **Cascade County Historical Museum** (452-3462), plus art galleries, contemporary and historical exhibitions, a cafe and gift shop. 1400 1st Ave. N.

Ulm Pishkun State Park, 454-5840

Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States. Take Ulm exit, 10 miles S of town on I-15, then 4 miles NW on county road.

HARLOWTON (E-7)

632-4694

A convenient stop at the junction of US 12 & 191. Of special interest are the E-57B Electric Train Park and a pioneer bronze sculpture, entitled "And They Called the Land Montana." The **Upper Musselshell Museum** (632-5519) includes a general store, Indian artifacts, pioneer home, *Avaceratops lammersi* dinosaur display. Chief Joseph Park, off US 12, features camping, scenic walkways, a fishing pond and playground.

HAVRE (B-7)

265-4383

Enjoy history and recreation in this northcentral town located between the Milk River and the Bears Paw Mountains. A 10,000-acre preserve—**Beaver Creek Park** (395-4565)—is the nation's largest county park, offering great fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking and scenic views. **Fresno Reservoir** offers similar opportunities, plus boating, 12

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miles W of town. The **Havre Badlands**, 8 miles NW, showcases unusual landscape and geological formations, fossil evidence and archaeological finds. In town, visit the **MSU-Northern College Collections** (265-3757) for its Indian artifacts and an understanding of the area's natural history. 300 W. 11th, Math-Science Bldg.

Fort Assinniboine, 265-4000

Largest military fort west of the Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Daily tours begin at H. Earl Clack Museum. May-Sept. Fee.

Havre Beneath the Streets, 265-8888

Developed during construction of the Great Northern Railroad a century ago. Explore a hidden community that included the Wah Sing Laundry, Tamale Jim's, a bordello, opium den, bakery, mercantile and more. Tour available. Fee. 100 Third Ave.

H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, 265-7121

See exhibits, dioramas, collections of horse-drawn equipment and farm machinery, artifacts from the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Kill Site. Lecture/tour program. Seasonal. US\$2 at fairgrounds.

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, 395-4282

Home of the Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains. Annual powwow first weekend in August.

Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site

265-6417 or 265-7550
Largest and best-preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours, summer evenings. Fee.

LEWISTOWN (D-7)

538-5436

Located at the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post. Self-guiding tour brochures available for areas listed on the National Register: Silk Stocking and Central Business districts, Courthouse Square, Judith Place and Stone Quarry. For area history and culture, visit the **Central Montana Museum** (538-5436) on E. Main and the **Lewistown Art Center** (538-8278) on 8th Ave. N. **Big Spring Trout Hatchery** (538-5588), S of town on Hwy 238, is the state's largest coldwater production station for several species of trout and kokanee salmon. Headquarters for the **C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706) is located on Airport Rd., and features an exhibition pasture of bison.

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo, 538-5436

Discover and enjoy the landscapes that inspired Western artist Charles M. Russell during a 3.5-hour trip aboard a 1950s vintage dinner train. June-Sept. Fee.

Crystal Lake, 566-2292

Located in the Big Snowy Mountains, S of town, this area offers excellent hiking and camping, plus fossil and ice cave exploration.

James Kipp Recreation Area, 538-7461

Located on the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, N of town on US 191; access to Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake.

Judith Peak Recreation Area, 538-7461

Located in the Judith Mountains N of town, follow a gravel road to the summit for outstanding 100-mile views of surrounding mountains and prairies. Ghost towns of Maiden, Gilt Edge and Fort Maginnis nearby.

War Horse National Wildlife Refuge 538-8706

Three refuge units near Winnett offer opportunities for hunting, fishing and viewing waterfowl and other migratory birds.

LOMA (C-6)

This tiny community has two interesting museums. Visit the **Earth Science Museum** (739-4357) for a look at gems, minerals, fossils and Indian artifacts. The **House of a Thousand Dolls** (739-4338) displays dolls and toys from 1830 to present. Seasonal. Fee. Cross the Missouri River by ferry upriver at Carter or downriver at Virgelle; both ferries operate March-Oct. Fee after 7 p.m.

MARTINSDALE (E-6)

Home of the **Charles M. Bair Family Museum** (727-8787). Explore this treasure trove of European antiques, Indian artifacts and original art by C.M. Russell, Joseph Henry Sharp and others. The museum was the home of sheep rancher Charles Bair and his daughters, Marguerite and Alberta, who left it for the public to enjoy. Seasonal. Fee.

SHELBY (B-5)

434-7184

Shelby is located at the junction of US 2 and I-15, 35 miles S of the Canadian border. Visit the **Marias Museum of History and Art** (434-2551) for a look at area history, homesteading, dinosaur collection and Dempsey-Gibbons fight memorabilia. Tours year-round. For outdoor recreation, visit **Lake Shelby** at Shelby's northern edge.

STANFORD/UTICA (D-6)

Enjoy area history at the **Judith Basin Museum** (566-2281 or 566-2974) and the **Utica Museum** (423-5208). Enjoy fishing and water sports at **Ackley Lake State Park** (454-5840). The **Judith River Wildlife Management Area** (454-5840) at the edge of the Little Belt Mountains is a good place to view large elk herds, late fall/winter. It was in this area that cowboy artist Charlie Russell took one of his first jobs in Montana as a night wrangler on a Judith Basin cattle drive.

VALIER (B-4)

This small town has a big lake, **Lake Frances**, that offers year-round recreation opportunities including ice-boating in winter.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (E-5) 547-3366

Full of Western flavor, this town welcomes visitors to museums, history and recreation. Enjoy the mineralized hot springs for which the town was named at **The Spa Hot Springs** (547-3366). Fee. Visit **The Castle** (547-3666), an imposing mansion built in 1892 that now houses the Meagher County Museum. Seasonal. Fee. Weathered homes and outbuildings at the nearby **Ghost Town of Castle** are all that remain of the 1880s silver mining boom. Also in the area is the blockhouse at Fort Logan, a frontier military site NW of town.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN RUSSELL COUNTRY

C.M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION—

Great Falls, March

Features live auctions and viewing rooms, open to the public. Several other art shows are held in Great Falls at the same time.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AND ART ON THE LEVEE—Fort Benton, 4th weekend in June

Parade, concert, art show and fireworks.

LEWIS AND CLARK FESTIVAL—

Great Falls, July 4th weekend

Living history encampment, float trips on the Missouri.

DINOSAUR DAYS—Choteau, July

Open house at Old Trail Museum, tours of Egg Mountain and The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve, parade.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY—Meagher County, July

Tours of The Castle in White Sulphur Springs, Bair Museum in Martinsdale, guest ranches and historic churches.

MARIAS FOUR COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—Shelby, July

Toole, Glacier, Pondera and Liberty counties combine forces to stage this annual rodeo, with concerts and exhibits.

MONTANA STATE FAIR AND RODEO—

Great Falls, begins last Saturday in July

Eight days of concerts, rodeos and exhibits in Russell Country's largest city.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—

Lewistown, 3rd weekend in August

Three days of cowboy poetry, music, cowboy art and gear show.

GREAT FALLS INTERNATIONAL DIXIELAND JAZZ FESTIVAL—

Great Falls, Labor Day weekend

Variety of bands with rotating music schedules, umbrella parade, jazz workshops.

HAVRE FESTIVAL DAYS—Havre, mid-September

Parade, arts and crafts show, quilt show, doll show, concerts and powwow.

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AREA ATTRACTIONS

Yellowstone National Park (H-6) 307-344-7381

Enter the park from Gardiner on US 89, Cooke City/Silver Gate via the Beartooth Highway (US 212), or West Yellowstone at the junction of US 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its thermal features, including geysers, mud caldrons, canyons, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres. The park closes early Nov. to vehicles, reopens mid-Dec. to mid-March for Nordic skiers and snowmobilers, and opens again to vehicles in spring. Weather deter-

mines all opening/closing dates. Call for details. For lodging reservations as well as reservations for boat tours, horseback riding and chuckwagon dinners, call 307-344-7311. For a list of additional guided activities, including backpacking, canoeing and photography, call 307-344-2107.

Yellowstone Institute (H-6), 307-344-2294

Headquartered in the park's northeast corner, this outdoor classroom offers more than 80 field courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology and history.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park



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YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY



Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman



Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

Beartooth Highway (G-7) **446-1718 or 446-2103**

Designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by the late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful road in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile, 3-hour drive offers skytop views of snowcapped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and plateaus. Seasonal.

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (G-6) **446-2103 or 587-6920**

Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 900 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge and Cooke City. No motorized travel.

ABSAROKEE (G-7) **322-4505**

This scenic, small community is a gateway to fishing, hiking, camping and outdoor exploration along the Stillwater and Rosebud rivers and the nearby Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BIG SKY (G-5) **995-3000 or 800-943-4111**

Home of **Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort** (995-5000 or 800-548-4486), this lively village is a year-round playground for outdoor recreationists. Golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, skiing and snowmobiling are all spoken here. Gondola rides offer spectacular views in the summer. Hiking is popular in the nearby **Lee Metcalf Spanish Peaks Wilderness** (587-6701). For an exquisite view of Lone Mountain, stop by **Soldier's Chapel** (995-4292), built in 1955 as a World War II memorial.

BIG TIMBER (F-6) **932-5131**

Located at the foot of the Crazy Mountains, Big Timber offers a broad range of activities in a beautiful setting. Explore the Boulder Valley, fish blue-

ribbon trout streams and stop by the **Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery** (932-4434) for an appreciation of cutthroat trout. Visit museums, galleries, antique shops and historic sites, including the **C. Sharps Arms/Montana Armory** (932-4353), **Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co.** (932-4454), **Sweetgrass and Sage Gallery** (932-5228) and the **Crazy Mountain Museum** (932-5126).

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park (F-7) **247-2940**

Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community of burrowing rodents, 9 miles E of Big Timber, has been preserved. Interpretive signs. Fee.

Natural Bridge (G-6), 932-5131

Spectacular falls and river canyon along the Boulder River, 27 miles S of Big Timber on Rt. 298. Interpretive signs and trails. Fishing and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BOZEMAN (F-5) **586-5421 or 800-228-4224**

Visitors will find a small town atmosphere with big city amenities in Bozeman. This town, beautifully situated at the base of the Bridger Range, blends spectacular recreation with art galleries, museums, symphony, opera, history and many one-of-a-kind Western stores. Walk through the **Montana State University** campus and the **South Willson Historic District** (586-5421 or 800-228-4224), a residential area featuring houses that range from large mansions to small cottages. Visit the **Gallatin Pioneer Museum** (585-1311) for area history and artifacts.

American Computer Museum, 587-7545

World's second museum devoted entirely to the history of the computer. Designed for visitors of all ages and levels of computer experience. 234 E. Babcock.

Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 587-9265

Observe many varieties of fish. Native American program, national historic site on premises, picnic area. 4050 Bridger Canyon Rd.

Emerson Cultural Center, 587-9797

Historic building used for visual/performing arts. Visitors will find artists at work, conversational French, swing dancing, cartooning classes, rock

concerts and civic forums all under one roof. Call for a schedule of events. 111 S. Grand.

Gallatin Canyon (F, G-5)

80-mile drive S of Bozeman (US 191) parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks and enters the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping and wildlife viewing along the route.

Hyalite Canyon, 587-6920

Disabled-accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnicking and camping areas. South on 19th Ave.

Museum of the Rockies, 994-2251

Take a walk through 4 billion years of Northern Rockies history at one of Montana's finest museums, located at the south edge of the MSU campus. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, a world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, Montana history, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Trail, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits and gift shop. Fee.

BRIDGER (G-8)

662-3720

Gateway to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Drive SE on US 310 to Lovell, Wyoming, then N on Hwy 37 to reach **Devil Canyon Overlook** (307-548-2251). This scenic view of Bighorn Canyon is where the Bighorn River has cut the canyon 1,000 feet deep. The Pryor Mountains have been uplifted along fault lines immediately west of the canyon. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Visitors may catch a glimpse of them at the **Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range** (238-1540), N of the overlook. This rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding and backcountry driving.

COLUMBUS (G-7)

322-4505

This full-service community in the foothills of the Beartooths boasts the "most scenic route to Yellowstone Park," via MT 78 and US 212 over Beartooth Pass. Located at the confluence of the Stillwater and Yellowstone rivers, Columbus offers plenty of outdoor recreation. Columbus has fine shops and cafes, three beautiful city parks, public swimming pool, tennis, basketball and walking path. Free camping and picnicking by the Yellowstone River at **Itch-Ke-Pe**, on the Lewis & Clark Trail. Visit the **Museum of the Beartooths** (322-4588), located on 5th & 5th N. A great friendly town to discover.

COOKE CITY, COLTER PASS & SILVER GATE (H-6)

838-2495

With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities offer hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing, snowmobiling and more. Pink snow found only in a few places in the world and glaciers containing preserved grasshoppers are visible within hiking distance. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's North Entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Highway (US 212).

GARDINER (G-6)

848-7971

Gardiner is the only year-round, drive-in entrance to Yellowstone Park, making it a bustling town in any season. **Roosevelt Arch** has marked the North Entrance to Yellowstone since 1903, when President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated it before an

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estimated 5,000 spectators. **Montana Blue's Chuckwagon Dinner Theatre** (848-9898) features the history and lore of the Montana cowboy. **Jardine**, a nearby gold mining town, offers a bit of area history.

LIVINGSTON (F-6)

222-0850

Downtown Livingston, a designated historic district on the National Register, encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. With the Yellowstone River flowing through town, Livingston is anglers' heaven, providing excellent floating and fishing access. The **Firehouse 5 Playhouse** (222-1420) offers a night of live, community theatre. For environmental education, take in the **Federation of Fly Fishers Education Conservation Center** (800-618-0808) on S. B St.

Depot Center, 222-2300

Located in a restored Northern Pacific Railroad station, this museum houses railroad and Western history exhibits and art shows. Seasonal. 200 W. Park.

Paradise Valley (G-6)

52-mile scenic drive, bordered by the magnificent Absaroka Range and the Yellowstone, longest free-flowing river in the U.S. and one of America's finest trout streams. Camping, fishing, floating and white-water rafting.

Park County Museum, 222-4184

Explore this museum, located in a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, and its historical displays of early day pioneers, Yellowstone National Park, Indian artifacts, area archeology and railroad history. Seasonal. 118 W. Park.

RED LODGE (G-7)

446-1718

This historic mining town has roots that reach back to the European homes of its diverse founders. Situated at the base of the Beartooth Mountains, Red Lodge is one of Montana's premier ski destinations in winter; in summer, it draws hikers, golfers, mountain bike enthusiasts, anglers, campers, sightseers and Yellowstone Park visitors via the nearby Beartooth Highway. Enjoy native North American animals and the children's petting zoo at the **Beartooth Nature Center** (446-1133), and take in the area's history at the **Carbon County Museum** (446-3914), housed in the homestead cabin of John Garrison, subject of the movie "Jeremiah Johnson." Both seasonal.

Cooney State Park (G-7)

445-2326 or 247-2940 (winter)

Located N of town and W of Boyd on an unpaved road, this popular reservoir offers good walleye and rainbow fishing, boating and camping. Fee.

Red Lodge Historic District

446-1718 or 446-3914 (summer)

Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1883 and 1910 during the coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during the 9-day Festival of Nations.

Smith Mine Disaster Site, 446-1718

In 1943, 74 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand.

THREE FORKS (F-5)

285-4556

Situated just off I-90, this small town offers big outdoor recreation opportunities. Nearby **Missouri Headwaters State Park** (994-4042) preserves the historic place where Lewis and Clark discovered the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers—headwaters of the Missouri. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing and floating are all found here. Fee. Southeast of town on Buffalo Jump Rd., **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park** (994-4042) vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used by Indians 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Fee. For area history, visit the **Headwaters Heritage Museum** on Main St. Seasonal.

WEST YELLOWSTONE (H-5)

646-7701

Known among winter recreationists as the "snowmobile capital of the world," this fun-filled town is Yellowstone Park's busiest gateway. A year-round outdoor recreation center, visitors can enjoy fly fishing, river rafting and cross country skiing in addition to snowmobiling. Learn about the "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" at the **Museum of the Yellowstone** (646-7814). Seasonal. And for a night of comedy, variety and melodrama, take in a show at the **Playmill Theatre** (646-7757). Seasonal.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, 646-7701

Statewide travel information, right outside the West Entrance to Yellowstone Park. Open year-round.

Grizzly Discovery Center—A Bear and Wolf Preserve, 646-7001 or 800-257-2570

Educational facility devoted to the preservation of these threatened animals. Fee. Adjacent to West Entrance of Yellowstone Park.

National Geographic Theater, 646-4100

Experience the history, wildlife, geothermal activity and grandeur of America's first national park through the theatre presentation of "Yellowstone." Fee. Adjacent to West Entrance of Yellowstone Park.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO—

West Yellowstone, 2nd weekend in March

A snowmobile exposition with vendors, equipment, power pulls and drag racing.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP—

Gardiner, mid-June

Annual rodeo, parade and community dance.

LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP—

Livingston, 1st week of July

Three-day rodeo and parade with lots of events and fireworks.

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR—

Bozeman, mid-July

4-H event, exhibits, food, carnival rides.

BIG SKY ARTS FESTIVAL—

Big Sky, 3rd week of July

Outdoor festival featuring music, food and art.

MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS—

Red Lodge, late-July to early-August

Authentic 1800s mountain man camp featuring goods, attire, black powder shoots, games and entertainment of the era.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS—

Red Lodge, early August

Nearly 50 years old, this week-long event celebrates the community's ethnic heritage with food, crafts, customs and dance.

MUSICIANS' RENDEZVOUS—

Columbus, 1st week in August

Acoustical event—a good time naturally. Impromptu jams. Both musicians and the public welcome.

RUNNING OF THE SHEEP—

Reedpoint, Labor Day weekend (Sunday)

One of Montana's smallest towns draws a big crowd for its annual sheep drive through the middle of town.

BUFFALO DAYS—

Gardiner, Labor Day weekend (Saturday)

A community event with parade, street dance and buffalo barbecue

For more information, contact:

Yellowstone Country

P.O. Box 1107

Red Lodge, Montana 59068

800-736-5276 or 406-446-1005

Fax: 406-446-2513

Float-fishing the Yellowstone River

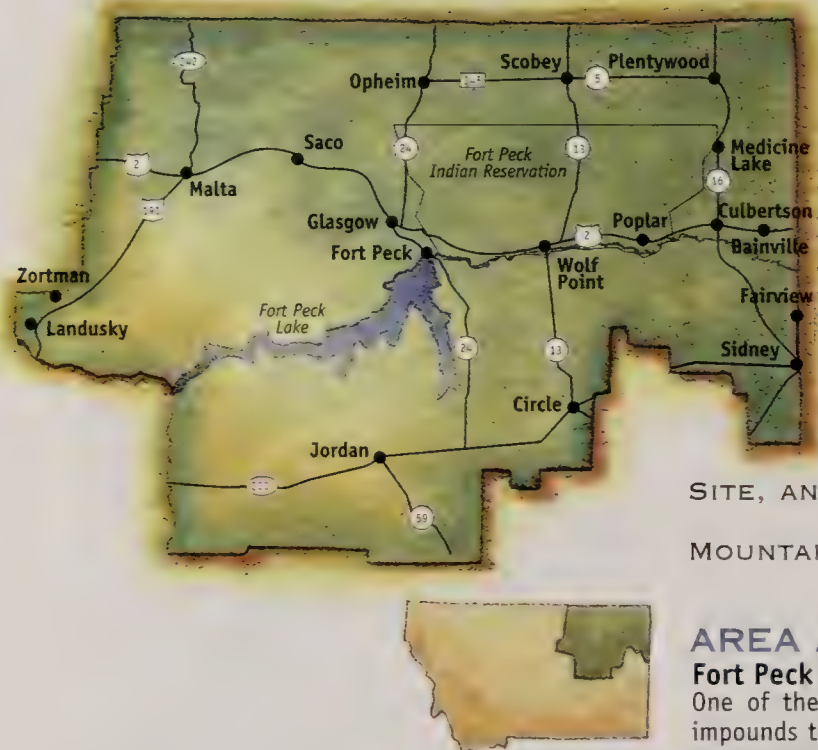


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Snowden Bridge, near Fairview



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DURING PEAK MIGRATION PERIODS, MILLIONS OF WATERFOWL FILL THE SKY ABOVE THE MANY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS THAT DOT MONTANA'S NORTHEAST CORNER. GIANT FORT PECK LAKE HAS 1,500 MILES OF SHORELINE, AND THE C. M. RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPRAWLS ACROSS A MILLION ACRES OF PRAIRIE WILDERNESS. THIS AREA IS AS RICH IN HISTORY AS IT IS IN WILDLIFE. THE WEST'S FUR TRADE ERA HAS BEEN PRESERVED AT FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, AND THE ROMANCE OF THE OLD WEST LIVES ON IN THE LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, A FAVORITE HANGOUT OF BUTCH CASSIDY AND KID CURRY.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Fort Peck Dam and Lake (C-10), 526-3431

One of the world's largest dams, Fort Peck Dam impounds the Missouri River to form a giant lake. Built in 1934-'40, the dam employed roughly 10,000 workers during the height of the Great Depression. Today, the area offers boating, fishing, camping, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. Powerhouse tours daily in summer. Museum open year-round.

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (C-8, 9, 10), 538-8706

A million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Reservoir. This wildlife-rich area consists of prairies, pines, breaks and badlands, camping, boating, wildlife viewing. Two-hour, 20-mile auto tour route

begins and ends on US 191 N of the river, and offers views of deer, waterfowl, raptors and, in season, the nation's largest remaining prairie elk herd.

Little Rocky Mountains (C-8)

An island of mountains on the plains, the area is rich in history and minerals. Gold-mining arrived in 1884 and by World War II the Little Rockies had yielded \$25 million in gold. Campgrounds near Zortman and Landusky (645-1240) make good base camps for outings.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site (B-12), 701-572-9083

Missouri River's pre-eminent fur trading post from the 1820s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site



Pronghorn buck



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Red Bottom Powwow dancer

mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes and frontier capitalists. Bourgeois House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center. Fort Union straddles the Montana-North Dakota border SE of Culbertson. Open daily.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge (B-12), 789-2305

This important refuge is home to the largest white pelican colony in Montana, with more than 10,000 nesting birds, and supports spring and fall migrations that bring thousands of waterfowl. Other seasonal visitors include sandhill cranes and an occasional whooping crane. The refuge encompasses a small prairie wilderness and an 8,000-acre lake. Open year-round for walking tours; seasonal self-guided auto tour.

BAINVILLE (B-12)

Visitors to this eastern Montana town enjoy the **Bainville Historical Association Museum** (769-3102), which features a pioneer bedroom, kitchen, music room, old jail and 1929 fire truck.

CIRCLE (C-11)

485-2414

Located in the heart of the prairie, Circle's **McCone County Museum** (485-2414) interprets the development of this vast country plus Indian artifacts and fossils. Fee.

CULBERTSON (B-12)

787-5821

Culbertson greets travelers at the **Culbertson Museum and Visitor Center** (787-6320). Museum features nine historical rooms. Seasonal.

FAIRVIEW (C-12)

747-5259

Just north of Fairview is Fort Union, one of the nation's premier frontier trading posts. Visitors will also find **Fort Buford**, a military fort, and historic **Snowden** and **Fairview bridges**, the last two dual transportation (autos/trains) bridges in the country.

FORT PECK (C-10)

Best known as the home of Fort Peck Dam, this small town offers big recreation and entertainment opportunities. A scenic overlook just east of the dam on MT 24 offers views of Fort Peck Lake and interpretation of Lewis & Clark's journey through NE Montana.

Fort Peck Theatre (228-9219) offers summer musicals and drama. The **Powerhouse Museum** (526-3431) has an impressive display of fossils.

GLASGOW (B-10)

228-2222

Besides unlimited recreation at nearby Fort Peck Lake and the **Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Glasgow is rich in Hi-Line history. Visit the **Pioneer Museum** (228-8692) for its fossils and Indian artifacts, plus railroad, early business, aviation and wildlife collections. Seasonal.

JORDAN (D-10)

557-6158

Also near the **Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Jordan offers plenty of outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. The **Hell Creek Recreation Area** (232-0900) provides access to Fort Peck Lake and excellent water sports opportunities. Visitors can glimpse area history and fossil exhibits at the **Garfield County Museum** (557-2517). Seasonal.

MALTA (B-8)

800-704-1776 or 654-1776

Home of ranchers, abundant wildlife and unlimited outdoor recreation, Malta is a friendly stop along US 2, known in Montana as the Hi-Line. Visit the **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** (654-2863) for opportunities to view more than 200 bird species, deer, antelope and upland game. **Nelson Reservoir** (654-1776) boasts excellent walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports and abundant waterfowl. For area history and dinosaur exhibits, visit the **Phillips County Historical Museum** (654-1037). Seasonal and by appointment.

PLENTYWOOD (A-12)

765-1607

Just south of a 24-hour Canadian border station, Plentywood is a major gateway to Montana. This lively, small town features exotic animal farm tours and a hot air balloon rally in June. The **Sheridan County Museum** (765-2219) features the state's longest interior mural, depicting the history of the county. Seasonal.

POPLAR (B-11)

768-3916

Located on the **Fort Peck Indian Reservation** (768-5155), Poplar offers plenty of Indian culture. The reservation is home to the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. The **Poplar Museum** and **Tribal Museum** (768-5155) feature tribal history and artifacts. Seasonal. There are many tribal celebrations throughout the year, including the Iron Ring Celebration and Poplar Indian Days.

SACO (B-9)

527-3361

Chet Huntley, late news commentator, began his education at **Huntley School**, now a restored one-room building (527-3312).

SCOBEEY (A-11)

487-5502

Located in the heart of grain and cattle country, Scobey is the home of the **Pioneer Town and Museum** (487-5965), largest homestead museum in the Northwest. Seasonal.

SIDNEY (C-12)

482-1916

Visitors will enjoy the **MonDak Heritage Center** (482-3500), which features extensive exhibits of area history, art exhibits and a research library. Closed January. Fee.

WOLF POINT (B-11) 653-2012

A small community on the edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Wolf Point visitors can make an appointment to see the nearby **John Deere Tractor Collection and Museum** (392-5224), or enjoy area history at the **Wolf Point Area Historical Society and Museum** (653-1912). Seasonal.

ZORTMAN (C-8)

Visitors to this eastern Montana town enjoy the nearby Little Rocky Mountains and the **UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706). Together with the surrounding C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, the UL Bend is the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Other inhabitants are deer, pronghorn antelope, birds and small animals. Consult weather conditions before traveling from Zortman to the refuge.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS—

Near Fairview, 2nd week in June

A traders' and trappers' reunion at the restored trading post of Fort Union, now a National Historic Site.

RED BOTTOM POWWOW—

Frazer, 3rd week in June

Historic Assiniboine celebration and powwow.

PIONEER DAYS & DIRTY SHAME SHOW—

Scobey, last weekend in June

Pioneer celebration that includes the Dirty Shame Show with dancers and Dixieland band.

GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT—

Glasgow, 2nd weekend in July

Hundreds of fishermen from the Midwest and Canada test their skills on Fort Peck Lake.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE, 75TH JUBILEE—

Wolf Point, 2nd weekend in July

Originally an Indian celebration and exhibition of riding feats. Now in its 75th year, this is the oldest and longest running PRCA rodeo in Montana. Don't miss the Wild Horse Race.

SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR—

Plentywood, 3rd weekend in July

Rodeo, night show and 4-H exhibits.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO—

Sidney, 1st week in August

Rodeo, exhibits and activities.

OIL DISCOVERY CELEBRATION AND POWWOW—

Poplar, 4th weekend in August

Traditional powwow and Indian celebration.

ANNUAL MILK RIVER WAGON TRAIN—

Malta, 1st week in September

Parade, festivities and wagon train ride.

SADDLE CLUB WAGON TRAIN—

Culbertson, Labor Day weekend

Covered wagon and horseback rides through Montana foothills. Prairie dance and food.

For more information, contact:

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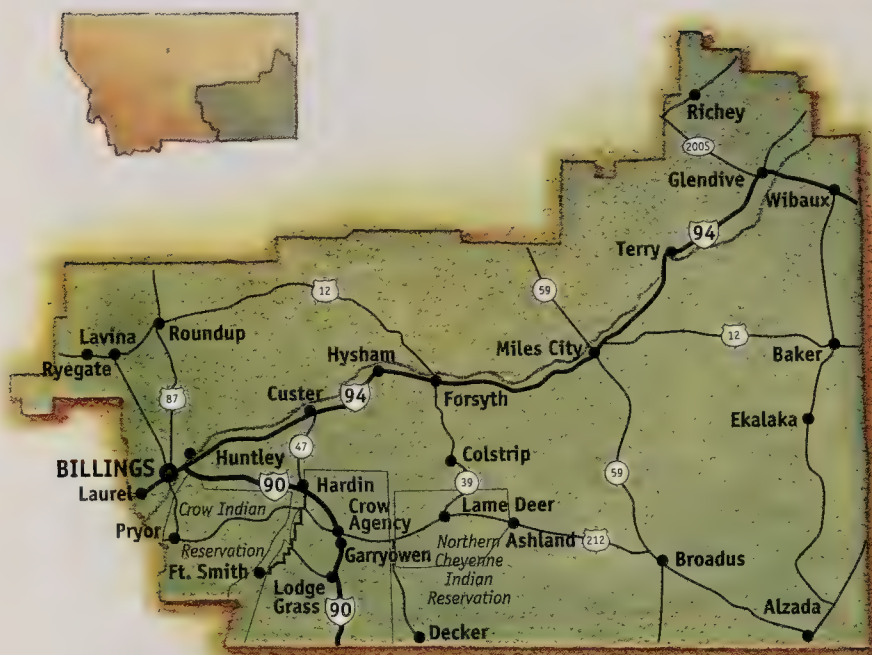
CUSTER COUNTRY

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Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area



HISTORY IS THE LINK THAT UNITES MONTANA'S SPRAWLING SOUTHEAST CORNER. FROM PREHISTORIC FOSSIL BEDS AND PICTOGRAPH DRAWINGS TO THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION AND THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN, CUSTER COUNTRY STAKES A SIZEABLE CLAIM ON THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST. THE LITTLE BIGHORN NATIONAL MONUMENT NEAR HARDIN MARKS THE SPOT WHERE LT. COL. GEORGE CUSTER WAS OVERWHELMED BY SIOUX AND CHEYENNE WARRIORS. POMPEYS PILLAR PRESERVES GRAFFITI FROM LEWIS AND CLARK'S FAMED "CORPS OF DISCOVERY." ONE OF THE RIVERS THEY TRAVELED—THE YELLOWSTONE—STILL FLOWS FREELY THROUGH CUSTER COUNTRY, AND ANOTHER GREAT RIVER—THE BIGHORN—

FLOWS OUT OF BEAUTIFUL BIGHORN CANYON. BIGHORN LAKE AND TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR ARE POPULAR FISHERIES.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (G-8), 666-2412

Stunning canyon scenery, hiking trails, naturalist-guided trips, boating, fishing and camping make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites; located on Hwy 313 S of Hardin. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye

fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier, year-round trout streams. Accommodations and services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin and Lovell, Wyoming. **Yellowtail Visitor's Center** (666-3234, summer or 666-2412). Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Rangers present programs about the Bighorn Canyon area; call for details.

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark



JOHN MCNEAL

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CUSTER COUNTRY



Range Riders Museum, Miles City

Montana Agates (F-9 to C-12)

The lower Yellowstone River, between Custer and Sidney, is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its banks. Sometimes called plume or moss agates, Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stones' interiors. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers and fossils are also common in the area.

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark, 238-1540

Captain William Clark carved his name on this sandstone butte in 1806, the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Interpretive tours, visitor center. Located 28 miles E of Billings off I-94, along the Yellowstone River. Seasonal.

ASHLAND AND LAME DEER (G-10)

These two small communities are the population centers of the **Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation** (477-6284). Of special interest in the Ashland area are a historical buffalo jump, burial sites of Indian chiefs, Custer's last camp before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the Cheyenne Indian Museum, Ten Bears Gallery, St. Labre Indian School and the Ashland Powwow. Lame Deer is tribal headquarters and home of the Northern Cheyenne Powwow. **Cheyenne Trail Rides** available (784-6150).

BAKER (E-12)

778-2266

Stop at this friendly town on Montana's border for a glimpse of vintage clothing and the world's largest steer at the **O'Fallon Museum** (778-3265). Or cool off in Baker Lake. The lake offers fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas and softball complex.

BILLINGS (F-8)

800-735-2635 or 245-4111

Montana's largest city, Billings is a regional business hub as well as a cultural, medical, educational and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters and shopping are all part of the appeal of this vibrant city. Billings is home to Montana State

University-Billings and Rocky Mountain College. Bordered on the north by distinctive rock formations known as rimrocks, Billings is a gateway to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument 800-735-2635 or 252-4016

Easily spotted by the heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the "Drive of '89," Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings. Visitor center has information on all area attractions. On S. 27th, near the I-90 interchange.

Alberta Bair Theater, 256-6052

Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. More than 100 events are scheduled annually. 2801 3rd Ave. N., downtown.

Billings Studio Theatre, 248-1141

Live theatre ranging from Shakespeare to the most contemporary works. 1500 Rimrock Rd.

Black Otter Trail and Boothill Swords Park, 252-4016

Drive this scenic trail atop the rimrocks and visit the gravesite of famous frontier scout Yellowstone Kelly. Based on his wish, the site where he is buried, provides a view of five mountain ranges. Nearby Boothill Swords Park is the resting place of H. M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman.

J.K. Ralston Studio & Gallery, 254-0959

Famed Billings artist J.K. Ralston put the West on canvas in this rustic cabin, restored and moved to the campus of Rocky Mountain College. Adjacent gallery features J.K. Ralston originals. Open weekends, Memorial Day-Labor Day. 1426 Rimrock Rd.

Lake Elmo State Park, 247-2940

This 64-acre lake in Billings Heights is popular for swimming, boardsailing and fishing. Fee.

Moss Mansion, 256-5100

This elegantly restored, turn-of-the-century mansion provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop. Fee. 914 Division St.

Oscar's Dreamland, 656-0966

Private collection honors those who pioneered farming in the Northern Great Plains; historic farm machinery and more. Take I-90 Exit 446, then S. Frontage Rd. May 1-Sept. 30. Fee.

Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum, 256-6811

Explore Old West history and Indian artifacts in a log structure museum near Logan International Airport. Open weekdays or by appointment.

Pictograph Cave State Park 245-0227 (summer) 247-2940 (winter)

The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular area for bird watching. Picnic sites. Fee.

Western Heritage Center, 256-6809

Featuring "Our Place In The West"—a social history of the Yellowstone Valley, plus changing exhibi-

tions. Summer educational tours to cultural sites. 2822 Montana Ave.

Yellowstone Art Museum, 256-6804

This premier museum in a four-state region exhibits Western and contemporary art from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. The museum recently underwent a \$10 million expansion. 401 N. 27th St.

ZooMontana, 652-8100

Zoological/botanical garden specializes in northern latitude temperate species. View native and exotic animals, sensory garden and children's zoo. Open daily, mid-April to mid-Oct. Fee. 2100 S. Shiloh Rd.

BROADUS (G-11)

436-2611

Located just W of the Powder River, visitors can stop by the **Powder River Historical Museum and Mac's Museum** (436-2276 or 436-2977) and admire the general store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars, pioneer photos and Indian artifacts, plus minerals and more than 200,000 seashells. Seasonal. The **Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife Museum** (436-2538) features wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative guns and local art. Ask for directions to Reynolds Battlefield, 23 miles S of Broadus.

COLSTRIP (F-10)

748-2990

Known as the "energy capital of Montana," Colstrip is coal-mining country. Stop at the visitor center to learn about the local history, the operation of a coal-fired power plant and the workings of an open-pit mine. Tours Mon.-Fri., reservations appreciated. The **School House Art Center** features historic and contemporary photography (748-4822).

CROW AGENCY (G-9)

Headquarters of the **Crow Indian Reservation** (638-2601) and close to the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Crow Agency becomes the "tepee capital of the world" in mid-August during the annual Crow Fair celebration. Cultural tours offered through Little Bighorn College (638-7211).

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (G-9), 638-2621

This site memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. On June 25-26, 1876, 263 soldiers and personnel of the 7th Cavalry were killed by an overwhelming number of Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, Custer National Cemetery, 7th Cavalry Memorial and Reno-Bentzen Battlefield. Guided summer tours, interpretive programs and films. The battle is re-enacted each June. Fifteen miles S of Hardin on I-90. Fee.

CUSTER (F-9)

A friendly town along the Yellowstone River, visitors can enjoy agate hunting, fishing and rustic Boothill Cemetery. Nearby, at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone rivers, is the site of Fort Manuel Lisa, the first building in Montana built by white men.

DECKER (G-10)

Located on Montana's southern border, Decker offers access to two state parks. **Rosebud Battlefield State Park** (232-0900) is the undeveloped site of

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Moss Mansion library, Billings

the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory eight days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. **Tongue River Reservoir State Park** (232-0900) offers scenic boating, camping and great fishing. Concessions available seasonally.

EKALAKA (F-12)

775-6658

Home of one of the most significant local museums in Montana, **Carter County Museum** (775-6886) features many fossils, artifacts and prehistoric specimens, including the nearly complete skeleton of an *Anatosaurus*, or duck-billed dinosaur. Nearby **Medicine Rocks State Park** (232-0900) was once a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual forms. Limited facilities.

FORSYTH (E-10)

356-2123

On the banks of the Yellowstone River and the Lewis and Clark Trail, Forsyth offers area history at the **Pioneer Museum** (356-7547) and the **Rosebud County Courthouse** (356-7318), which is listed on the National Register. The three-story, neoclassical building is capped with an ornate copper dome. Inside are murals and stained glass.

FORT SMITH (G-9)

Bighorn River trout await the angler arriving in Fort Smith. Travelers can stop by the visitor center at Fort Smith for books, films, information on recreation and programs on the area's history.

GARRYOWEN (G-9)

Home of two historic Indian battlefield museums, the **Custer Battlefield Museum** (638-2000) and the **Reno Battlefield Museum** (638-7290), both located at Exit 514, off I-90. The Custer museum features Sitting Bull's campsite, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the David F. Barry photograph collection featuring more than 100 photos printed from the original glass negatives. The Reno museum features a walking tour of the battlefield. Fee for both.

GLENDIVE (D-12)

365-5601

This eastern Montana town is home to Makoshika State Park, Yellowstone River recreation opportunities and a wealth of history. Known as the "Paddlefish Caviar Capital," anglers are drawn to the big game fishing opportunities here. Other popular attractions include the moss agates found along the Yellowstone River, the historic Bell Street Bridge and Downtown District, and the life-size *Triceratops* dinosaur at Hollecker Lake picnic area. The **Frontier Gateway Museum** (365-8168) features Plains Indian history and culture, farm and ranch history and a frontier main street in miniature. The **Dawson County Arts Unlimited Gallery** (365-6508) features works of local and area artists.

Makoshika State Park, 365-6256

To the Lakota, Makoshika meant "bad earth" or "bad land." Wind and water have created caprocks, pinnacles, hogback ridges and fluted hillsides. This 8,832-acre park also preserves the fossil remains of *Tyrannosaurus* and *Triceratops* dinosaurs. See fossils, including a *Triceratops* skull, on display in the visitor center. Located SE of town on Snyder Ave., the park

offers scenic drives, nature trails, picnic sites, archery range and campground. Fee.

HARDIN (F-9)

665-1672

Western history comes alive in Hardin. Visitors will find activities and heritage at the nearby **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**, **Custer National Cemetery** and **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**. Take Exit 497 off I-90 to reach the **Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center** (665-1671), which offers cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop and statewide travel information. Visit the **Jailhouse Gallery** at 218 N. Center (665-3239) for its Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits and gift shop.

HUNTLEY (F-8)

Take a short diversion off I-94 to this valley of lush crops and the **Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture** (967-2680). The collection of agricultural artifacts is southcentral Montana's most impressive, with more than 5,000 items displayed.

HYSHAM (E-9)

Hysham visitors are greeted by a panorama of green fields, pasture lands and strips of grain. Popular recreation areas include the **Howery Island Wildlife Viewing Area** (232-7000) and Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area. Both offer wildlife viewing, fishing and more. For pioneer history, stop by the **Treasure County Museum/Manning Theatre**.

LAUREL (F-8)

628-8105

Located at the junction of great rivers and highways, Laurel is a convenient stop for travelers. The **Chief Joseph Statue** in downtown Fireman's Park and **Canyon Creek Battlefield Marker** (7 miles N of town) commemorate the 1877 battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry under the command of Col. Samuel Sturgis.

MILES CITY (E-11)

232-2890

Miles City is a classic Western town, most famous for its annual celebration of cowboy culture—the Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale. Rich in Western history, it has three districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For recreation, visit **Pirogue Island State Park** (232-0900), a great spot to view wildlife and hunt for agates (no facilities).

Custer County Art Center, 232-0635

Located in a historic waterworks plant on Water Plant Rd., the center features the work of local, state and regional artists. The annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

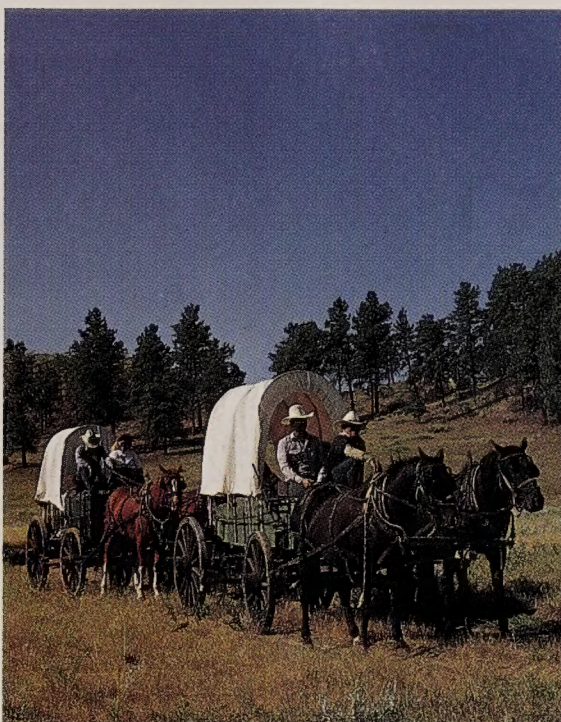


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CUSTER COUNTRY



Annual Crow Fair, Crow Agency



Wagon train adventure in eastern Montana

Fort Keogh

At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several original buildings remain and the old parade grounds are still intact. Two miles SW of town.

Range Riders Museum, 232-6146

The impressive historic center on the west edge of town includes Fort Keogh Officers' Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Miles own Main Street, Heritage Center, Indian artifacts and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. Seasonal. Fee.

Wool House Gallery, 232-0769

This 1909 wool warehouse, once owned by the Milwaukee Railroad, features railroad artifacts and memorabilia. 419 N. 7th St.

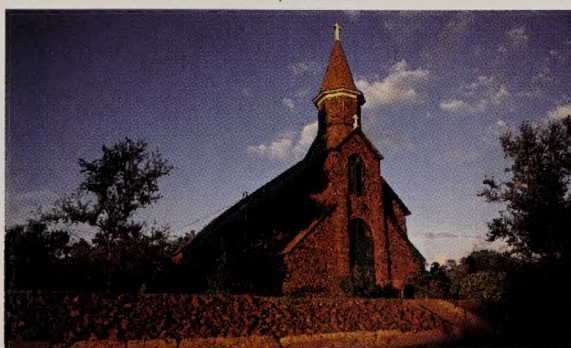
PRYOR (G-8)

Visit **Chief Plenty Coups State Park** (252-1289), home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crow Indians. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to lead his people to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Visitor center and interpretive displays explain the Crow culture. The park is 1 mile W of Pryor on the Crow Indian Reservation. Fee.

RICHEY (C-11)

Richey lies in the center of cattle, sheep and farm country. The **Richey Historical Museum** (773-5656) features more than 7,000 items, including a Model A mail car, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, newspaper files and period clothing. Seasonal.

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Wibaux



ROUNDUP (E-8)

323-1966

Once a gathering point for large herds of cattle that grazed up and down the valley, Roundup is located on the Musselshell River near the Bull Mountains. The **Musselshell Valley Historical Museum** (323-1403) includes a pioneer-era cabin, 5-room house, coal mine and 7,000-sq.-ft. exhibit area. Seasonal.

RYEGATE & LAVINA (E-7)

Both towns are located in the beautiful Musselshell River Valley. Visitors will find great fishing along the river known for its catfish and trout.

TERRY (D-11)

635-2126 or 635-5401

Terry is nestled by the Yellowstone River in the heart of agate country. Visitors can discover Terry's history at the **Lady Cameron Museum** (635-4040), featuring photos of eastern Montana as seen through the eyes of a pioneer British immigrant (1894-1928). The **Prairie County Museum** (635-4040), housed in the old State Bank of Terry, is filled with horse and buggy equipment, household and business antiques. Both museums are seasonal. The nearby **Terry Badlands** (232-4333) provide a dramatic backdrop and recreational opportunities.

WIBAUX (D-12)

This gateway to Montana has a rich history. Stop by the **Wibaux County Museum Complex** (795-2412) for an introduction to the area and its history. The center includes the Pierre Wibaux House, built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman. Visitors will also find farm and household items of early area settlers, Indian artifacts, Centennial Car Museum and statewide travel information. Open May-Sept. Another distinctive building is **St. Peter's Catholic Church** with its stained glass and lava rock exterior, built in 1885.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN CUSTER COUNTRY

BUCKING HORSE SALE—

Miles City, 3rd weekend in May

The Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale is one of Montana's most popular and thoroughly Western celebrations.

BUZZARD DAYS—

Makoshika State Park in Glendive, May

Buzzard Days welcomes back the turkey vultures to the park. Enjoy a day of fun-filled events.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT—

Hardin, June

The most famous Indian-U.S. Cavalry battle in history comes alive each June, held 6 miles W of Hardin. A military ball, rodeo and other entertainment round out Little Big Horn Days.

FORSYTH RODEO DAYS—Forsyth, June

The Northern Rodeo Association comes to Forsyth to put on one of its greatest rodeos ever. Here you'll see the best from all over the U.S.

FOURTH OF JULY—Roundup, July

A parade and fireworks are just part of a fun weekend that includes rodeo action by the Northern Rodeo Association.

CROW FAIR—Crow Agency, August

Crow Agency becomes the "tepee capital of the world" during this celebration of Indian culture that includes parades, rodeo, horse racing and dancing contests.

MONTANA FAIR—Billings, August

Montana's largest statewide event features a carnival, top name country music performances, rodeos, horse racing and 4-H projects from throughout Yellowstone County.

CATTLE DRIVE/WAGON TRAIN—

Broadus, August

Learn to trail cattle, pitch camp and ride horseback, or claim a seat in one of the wagons that travel through the rolling hills and pine-topped ridges of southeast Montana.

HERBSTFEST—Laurel, September

Patterned after the German Oktoberfest, Laurel makes this event the most authentic German festival in the state.

NILE (Northern International Livestock Exposition)—Billings, October 10-16

NILE week at Billings' MetraPark has become one of the American West's important ag expositions. Its five-performance Pro Rodeo is the most heavily attended rodeo in Montana.

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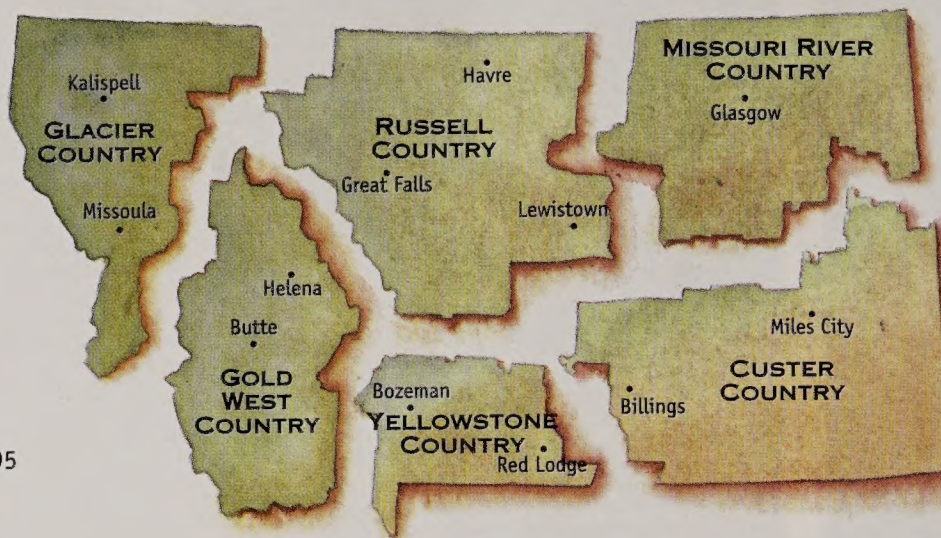
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GLACIER COUNTRY

Always, 1989
 Beethoven's 2nd, 1993
 Cattle Queen of Montana, 1954
 Dangerous Mission, 1958
 Disorganized Crime, 1988
 Forrest Gump, 1993
 Heaven's Gate, 1979
 Red Skies over Montana, 1950
 The River Wild, 1993
 Season of Change, 1991
 Timberjack, 1951
 What Dreams May Come, 1997
 Where the Rivers Rise, 1920
 Winterhawk, 1974
 Under Siege II: Dark Territory, 1995

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

A Thousand Pieces of Gold, 1989
 Diggstown, 1991
 Evel Knievel, 1972
 Fast Walking, 1980
 Grey Eagle, 1977
 The Last Ride, 1993
 Little Big Man, 1970
 Livers Ain't Cheap, 1995
 The Patriot, 1997
 Return to Lonesome Dove, 1993
 Runaway Train, 1985



YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

A River Runs Through It, 1991	Keep the Change, 1991
Amanda, 1995	The Last Ride, 1993
Amazing Grace and Chuck, 1986	Me and Will, 1997
Ballad of Little Jo, 1992	Montana, 1989
Cold Feet, 1988	Rancho Deluxe, 1974
Everthing That Rises, 1997	Triumphs of a Man Called Horse, 1983
The Horse Whisperer, 1997	True Colors, 1990
Iron Will, 1993	

RUSSELL COUNTRY

Broken Arrow, 1995
 Heartland, 1979
 Holy Matrimony, 1993
 The Stone Boy, 1983
 Telefon, 1977
 Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, 1974
 The Untouchables, 1987
 War Party, 1987

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

Firefox, 1982

CUSTER COUNTRY

Bright Angel, 1989
 Devils Horse, 1920
 Far and Away, 1991
 Josh and S.A.M., 1992
 Legend of Walks Far Woman, 1979
 Missouri Breaks, 1975
 Pow Wow Highway, 1987
 Return to Lonesome Dove, 1993
 Son of the Morning Star, 1990
 Stacking, 1986
 Warpath, 1951

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	406-444-2074
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	406-444-2535, TDD: 406-444-1200 (FWP has a 1-900 information hotline offering comprehensive details on a wide variety of recreation topics. Must be at least 18 years old; \$1.50 per minute charge. 1-900-225-5397.)
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USDA Forest Service-Northern Region	406-329-3511

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MONTANA AT A GLANCE

Nickname: Treasure State

Population: 856,057 (1994 est.); ranked 44th

Indian population: 11 tribes on 7 reservations comprising roughly 6% of total population

Largest city: Billings (86,578)

Number of counties: 56

Cities and towns: 126

Area: 147,138 square miles (4th largest)

Density: 6 people per square mile

Highest point: Granite Peak, 12,799 feet

Lowest point: Kootenai River, 1,800 feet



Bitterroot

Highest temperature: 117° at Medicine Lake (July 5, 1937)

Lowest temperature: -70° at Rogers Pass (Jan. 20, 1954)

Capital: Helena

State flower: Bitterroot

State tree: Ponderosa pine

State bird: Western meadowlark

State animal: Grizzly bear

State fish: Cutthroat trout

State gemstones: Agate and Sapphire

State grass: Bluebunch wheatgrass

State fossil: Duck-billed dinosaur (*Maiaasura peeblesorum*)

State motto: *Oro y Plata* (gold and silver)

Major industries: Agriculture, travel & tourism, mineral production, wood & paper products, construction

AVERAGE DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURE

CITY	January		July	
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Billings	32.0	13.3	87.0	58.4
Bozeman	30.2	7.8	75.7	40.5
Butte	28.4	4.2	80.1	45.1
Great Falls	30.9	12.3	83.6	54.9
Havre	23.9	3.5	84.2	54.9
Helena	28.8	10.7	82.1	53.6
Kalispell	28.2	13.7	80.6	49.8
Miles City	26.3	5.7	88.9	60.1
Missoula	29.8	14.0	84.8	50.4



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